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## Local healthcare worker receives COVID vaccine

By CASEY STEVENSON  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY — The COVID-19 vaccines are beginning to be administered to healthcare workers across the country in the first stages of vaccine implementation. The two types of coronavirus vaccines are developed by Pfizer and Moderna, and both are being administered after being approved by the FDA.

"Sue," a Massachusetts healthcare worker, recently received the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine, and was willing to share her thoughts and her experience regarding her vaccination.

According to Sue, she "qualified for the vaccine as a healthcare worker (Occupational Therapist) working in a long-term

care facility with a high risk population."

As Sue is also a mother, she explained that "COVID-19 has had a big effect on our family's life with reducing the opportunities we have to see our friends and family regularly, as well as reducing the number of activities and sports we can participate in. The kids have had most of their regular sports activities and teams canceled (as well as my own adult sports league I have participated in)."

"The children have really missed going to school each day and this has been a challenge as a parent as well to help them participate in online schooling, especially my first grader. They really miss going into school, and the opportunities to be with friends there and

school based activities.

"One good thing is that we get to spend more time together as a family at home. During quarantine my family and I have done a lot of outside activities and sports."

Sue said that she was not forced to receive vaccination by her work, and elaborated on some of the initial thoughts she had considering the vaccine.

"The vaccine was optional for me to get. I did have strong reservations about getting it and was concerned about both short- and long-term side effects. Would I have any negative effects immediately? Would they come in the days following administration? What about any long-term side effects that researchers have not yet had enough time to discover because it has

just been newly created and administered?"

Sue also delved deeper into her thought process behind receiving the vaccine.

"The things I thought about to make my decision were whether or not I was willing to risk being one of the first to get the vaccine, and not having a lot of information regarding how others I knew responded to it.

"Did I trust the efficacy and safety of the vaccine? Did I want to put myself at risk for contracting COVID-19 longer by refusing the vaccine when it was first offered? Was I concerned about my risk of side effects and complications with the vaccine or the risk of contracting COVID-19 itself as well as possibly passing it on to my family, friends, patients/staff I work with or

even strangers?"

"How much better would I feel about 'waiting' until 'later' to get the vaccine? What did I think might change about the vaccine by getting it now versus waiting a year or more?"

She explains what ultimately led her to receive the vaccine when she explained

"I finally decided I WOULD get the vaccine, because I felt that I do indeed trust the science, and those charged with development of the vaccine and it's safety. The vaccine is a crucial and necessary measure to getting 'back to normal' with life as we know it, since without widespread administration of the vaccine, we are continuing to see growing numbers of people contract COVID-19 everyday.

"I also decided that the

risk of possible complications of getting the vaccine was less than the risk of possible side effects from contracting COVID-19. I spent time reaching out to other medical professionals I know personally who got the vaccine before me to ask about any reactions they may have had and how they made their decision to get it.

"With little negative side effects noted, and information they acquired from others they spoke to (some who were in vaccine trials), and their enthusiastic backing of the vaccine, I ultimately decided to get it. I also feel that it is beneficial having an opportunity to get the vaccine earlier than most, as I am able to be an example to others who can

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## School Committee receives superintendent's report

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Superintendent's Report for the School Committee last Wednesday night covered MCAS testing, virtual caregivers' sessions, COVID-19 monitoring, and the OPM for the new town hall and school administration building.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand mentioned the district held three virtual caregivers' session so far.

"We'll publicize these events and welcome members of the community to participate if they're so able," he said.

He also said that the session for behavior planning at home on Jan. 21 was cancelled, but they have more sessions ahead. The committee established that all the resources available — presentations or recorded sessions — would be posted on the school website.

Regarding COVID-19 surveillance, Brand said that the positive and quarantine numbers in town are being watched and communicated amongst the Board of Health, Health Services, and himself. In order to keep students in-person as long as they can, he recommended getting tested and staying home with the presence of symptoms, and wearing masks and socially distancing.

"No one singular data point would lead to changing the learning model," he continued.

Assistant Superintendent Paul Ruggerio reported on the Owner's Project Manager chosen by the Committee to hire an OPM for the

new town hall and school administration building. After finalists were identified, the committee collectively preferred P3 Incorporated. He reported that Town Manager Jeff Hull would reach out to them with a contract.

Committee member Jay Samaha asked how the district would handle COVID-19 spreading among sports teams. Brand answered that this would involve isolating the positive students and conducting contract tracing on both teams and schools depending on if they were infectious in school. However, this would not count as "school spread," because that has to be an infectious person in school spreading to another person.

The other element of the Superintendent's Report was the 2021 assessment and accountability update including a statement from Massachusetts Education Commissioner Jeff Riley on MCAS. Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott said that MCAS is seen by the education department as a crucial test and will be held this year, although they're being flexible with when and how the results will be used.

Elliott shared the commissioner's statement which said that competency determinations would be modified and testing times would be shortened. The education department would also be extending the ACCESS testing window for English learners.

M. J. Byrnes took up an issue with the commissioner's statement in an email to Brand and in the committee's meeting packet.

"Knowing what we know about significant impacts from remote learning... and equity issues perplexes why the commissioner has decided to use MCAS as a tool to measure what students have lost," she said.

She went on to say that

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▲ Wilmington resident and Minuteman Tech student Melanie Mytych spends her time, when she's not learning, playing basketball or working in her school's day-care center, volunteering with the Wilmington Health Department. She plans to work some upcoming flu and COVID vaccine clinics.

See today's Middlesex East insert for complete story

## School Committee budget report, structured learning time and policies and protocols

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

During their meeting last Wednesday night, the School Committee received updates on the fiscal year 2020 budget and structured learning time before they discussed new and updated policies and protocols.

For the 2020 end of year budget report, Assistant Superintendent Paul Ruggerio detailed that the committee could see all the revenue costs coming in and out of the school department.

Jay Samaha asked what the \$13,000 expenditure for the School Committee was, and some of the things Ruggerio named were advertising new po-

sitions, membership fees, and travel. School Committee Chair Jenn Bryson said that advertising would account for most of that expense.

At their previous meeting, Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand introduced changes to the remote learning schedule due to a new established threshold for synchronous learning time requirements. He shared that since then, three working groups started planning for the schedule revisions necessary at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott said the subcommittees looking at the needs for each

school would allow the groups to carefully consider financial issues and impacts on schedules and families. She clarified that the district fell short because asynchronous time previously counted toward structured learning time, but now structured time only includes instruction where the teacher is actively available either virtually or in-person.

The new guideline is for all students in every district to have an average of 35 hours of synchronous instruction every 10 days. This may include breakout group time, she said, so long as the teacher is accessible. Students also have to complete a live check-in

and some amount of synchronous time each day.

Some suggestions the Department of Education gave to increase synchronous time were to teach simultaneously to remote and in-person students, to repurpose asynchronous time or teacher planning time, to extend class times, to hire more staff, or to increase remote group sizes.

Despite the short timeframe before the new schedule is due, Jan. 25, the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and committee members are hopeful.

Samaha said, "The work that I've seen this committee do has been fan-

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## Wilmington Library News:

## Becoming an optimist webinar on Thursday, Jan. 28

## Library Hours

The Library is open for curbside pickup only, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Staff is available by phone 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday.

## WML Virtual Programming

While the building is closed, the library continues to offer a variety for virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://wilmingtonlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

## Adult Programs

## WCTV Live:

## Cookin' the Books

Monday, Jan. 25, 2:30 p.m.  
Join Library Associate Lisa Crispin as she talks about and demonstrates recipes from the cookbook *Cookish* by Christopher Kimball. Shown live on WCTV on Comcast 9/Verizon 37 and online at [WCTV.org/live/](http://WCTV.org/live/) (Don't forget to press the Play icon to start the live stream).

## Cookin' the Books Book Group

Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.  
Featured Cookbook: *Cookish* by Christopher Kimball  
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food

and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book/chef online); cook a dish or two then join with others to discuss what worked and what didn't. You will come away with new friends and new recipes. Led by our own library chef, Lisa Crispin.

## Creative Writing Group

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at [cwood@wilmingtonlibrary.org](mailto:cwood@wilmingtonlibrary.org).

## Well Read Wednesday

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. January book: *Ask Again Yes* by Mary Beth Keane

## Social Justice Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Featured Book: *Stamped from the Beginning* by

Ibram X Kendi. (Chapters 1-4)

This group, which will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Copies of the book will be available at the library's main desk. You may pick up a copy during open hours or curbside hours.

## Becoming an Optimist

Thursday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

How we live, and most importantly, enjoy our life depends upon how we view the events we experience and the relationships we develop. Unfortunately, the current pandemic has made this difficult for some. But this can change. Behavioral scientists have proven we have the cognitive ability to transform our thoughts, beliefs and behaviors. This webinar opens the window on optimistic thinking including affirmative thinking, gratitude, forgiveness, prioritizing happiness, sharing, present-moment living, and positive learning. Presented by Constance Hallinan Lagan of Spirit Seminars.

## Author Talk:

Douglas Preston

## &amp; Lincoln Child

Friday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

Bestselling authors Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child will discuss their latest book, *The Scorpion's Tail*, in this Zoom webinar. The thrillers of Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child "stand head and shoulders above their rivals" (Publishers Weekly). Preston and Child's *Relic* and *The Cabinet of Curiosities* were chosen by readers in a NPR poll as being among the one hundred greatest thrillers ever written, and *Relic* was made into a number-one box office hit movie. They are coauthors of the famed *Pendergast* series and their recent novels include *Crooked River*, *Old Bones*, *Verses for the Dead*, and *City of Endless Night*.

## Youth Programs

## Flat Friends Sleepover

January 25-27

Have a "flat friend" spend the night at the library! Draw a picture of yourself, a stuffed animal or toy, a book character, an animal, or even an imaginary friend, and drop them off at the library. Your flat friends are going to have a blast at their sleepover until Thursday, January 28th, when you can come pick them up! We will then send you photos of all the antics your flat friends got up to while at the library!

All ages

## Book Buddies Info Session

Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Are you a teen in need of community service hours? Find out if Book Buddies is for you! This fun literacy program pairs a teen volunteer with a child ages 5-7 for one or two three-week sessions. Please complete an online application before attending on Zoom. Grades 9-12

## Board Game Club

Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Looking to learn, play, or create fun board games? Share your favorite game, or latest prototype, and we'll play together on Discord. Grades 6-12

## Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m.

This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5

## Time for Twos

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.

This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

## Baby Time

Thursdays, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.

This program of songs, rhymes, games and pic-

ture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

## Library's Digital Resources

Take advantage of the following digital resources while hunkering down and staying safe during the winter months. If you do not have a library card, you can get one remotely by going to [www.wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://www.wilmingtonlibrary.org).

Overdrive (aka "Libby" app on your smartphone) Find ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and movies. Hoopla - Find ebooks, TV shows, audiobooks and comics. Simultaneous use means titles always available.

Kanopy - Stream classic movies, Indie hits, documentaries and more.

Freegal - Download and keep up to five songs per week. Stream up to three hours per day.

Tumble Book Library - Animated picture books, read-along chapter books and more for children.

Creative Bug - Find over 1000 video classes on knitting, sewing, cooking and other crafts.

Ancestry Library - Do genealogy research with this database that covers billions of records from census data to directories, and photos to family trees. Access from home is available for a limited period of time.

## Bell named to Dean's List at University of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — David Bell, of Wilmington, was named to the University of Utah's Fall 2020 Dean's List. Bell's major is listed as Operations & Supply Chain BS.

Bell was among more than 9,700 students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List

at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

## About the U

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah.

Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace.

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## SMALL BUSINESSES CAN BENEFIT FROM DEDUCTING VEHICLE COSTS ON THEIR TAXES

Businesses that use cars or other vehicles may be able to deduct the expense of operating those vehicles on their taxes. Businesses generally can use one of the two methods to figure their deductible vehicle expenses:

- Standard mileage rate
- Actual car expenses

Of course, business taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates. Here are some facts to help business owners understand the differences between the two methods of figuring their deductible vehicle expenses:

Businesses that want to use the standard mileage rate for a car they own must choose to use the standard mileage rate in the first year they use the vehicle. Then, in later years, they can choose to use either the standard mileage rate or actual expenses.

If a business wants to use the standard mileage rate for a car they lease, they must use this rate for the entire lease period.

The business must make the choice to use the standard mileage rate by the due date of their return, including extensions. They can't revoke the choice.

A business that qualifies to use both methods may want to figure their deduction both ways to see which gives them a larger deduction.

Examples of actual car expenses that a business can deduct include licenses, gas, oil, tolls, insurance, repairs, and depreciation (limitations and adjustments may apply).

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▲► Members of the Wilmington Fire and Police Departments gathered with Potentate of the Aleppo Shriners Gary Bartlett and Sheila Duncan, founder of the Kennek Foundation, to receive plush, toy dogs. (photos: Bruce Hilliard.com)

## Wilmington

## Plush dogs donated to fire and police departments

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Police and Fire Departments received donations of "Trouble the Dog" plush toys from Dr. Gary Freedman, owner, Marblehead Opticians and Sheila Duncan, Founder of The Kennek Foundation of Marblehead.

The Kennek Foundation

provides comfort to children in crisis with the help of the character, Trouble the Dog. First responders give the plush Trouble dogs to children in the event of an accident, fire, domestic situation, or other emergency. Deliveries of the plush toys to local police and

fire departments were made possible by Dr. Freedman, who has been the lead sponsor of the annual Trouble the Dog Motorcycle Ride for several years. The Motorcycle Ride had to take place virtually this year due to the pandemic. The donation was made

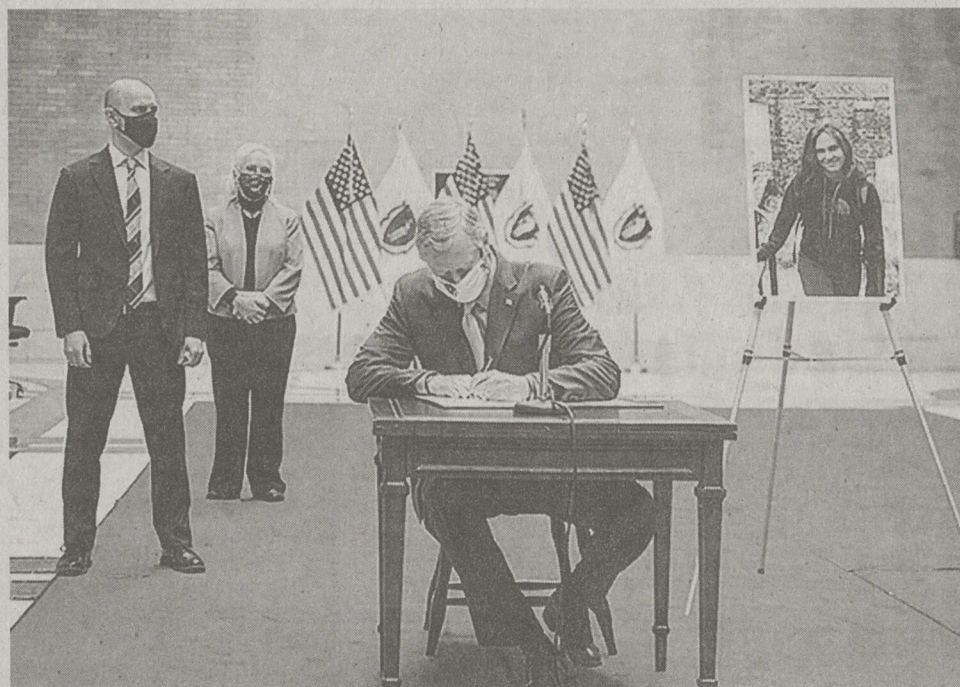
in honor of Gary Bartlett, retired Marblehead firefighter and Potentate of Aleppo Temple Shrine. Bartlett accepted donations of the plush Trouble dogs on behalf of children receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston.

## Governor signs 'Laura's Law' into law

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito participated in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

Named in memory of Laura Levis, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito were also joined by Laura's husband, Pete DeMarco, members of her family, and Senator Patricia Jehlen.

"I signed 'Laura's Law' to safeguard against future tragedies occurring just steps away from hospital emergency departments," said Gov. Baker. "In the wake of her tragic passing, Laura's husband, Pete, undertook an exhaustive effort to honor her legacy and protect others from similar fates. After months of collaboration and hard work with legislators, including Sen. Jehlen and Representative Barber, I am proud to sign Laura's Law and celebrate her memory in a meaningful way."



(Courtesy photo)

The new law will implement minimum criteria and standards that ensure safe, timely and accessible patient access to the entrances of Massachusetts hospital emergency departments. These regulations will require that entries

must be clearly marked, easily accessible and properly monitored by security when appropriate. Additionally, the Department of Public Health will convene a working group on patient access to hospital emergency rooms or de-

partments to report on and make recommendations to inform these policies. In 2016, Laura Levis died of an asthma attack outside of an area hospital when she was unable to locate an accessible entrance to the emergency room.



## Middlesex Sheriff's Office announces results of baseline vaccine surveys

BILLERICA — Hoping to provide data that will improve the national rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations in corrections, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) announced that it has performed a baseline survey to capture the willingness to receive vaccines amongst correctional employees and incarcerated individuals.

To date, the MSO has gone nearly four months without a positive COVID-19 test despite conducting over 160 tests amongst its incarcerated population during that timeframe.

The results of the baseline survey, offered to all staff and incarcerated individuals, found that 80 percent of staff and 40 percent of incarcerated individuals who responded indicated they would want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes

available to them. Of those incarcerated individuals who responded they would not initially agree to be vaccinated 60.17 percent indicated they were open to either changing their minds or receiving further education on vaccination.

"At the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, we use data every day to guide our decision-making and craft the best approaches to a host of critical issues," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "With these baseline surveys, we can not only understand how many people are initially interested in receiving vaccinations, but how we can encourage more people to receive them through educational and informational efforts."

Results of the survey of incarcerated individuals are being used to plan

upcoming educational sessions at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction by outside medical experts. A second survey of the incarcerated population will be conducted following the educational sessions to determine whether attitudes towards the vaccine change.

"It's my hope that through the process we will be better positioned to serve our staff, those in our care and their families," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "I believe this data and process can help our colleagues across the Commonwealth and the nation as they map out plans to administer vaccines to their staff and individuals in their custody."

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has determined that those working and living in congregate care settings — including

correctional facilities — will be eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase One of the distribution plan. Administration of the vaccine at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction will be conducted on a voluntary basis.

"I interpret the survey results from MSO staff and incarcerated individuals as very promising," said Dr. Alysse Wurcel, a Tufts Medical Center infectious diseases physician who has been advising the MSO since last February. "Understanding vaccine willingness and hesitancy in both employees and incarcerated individuals is the first crucial step in successfully operationalizing COVID-19 vaccination in the jails. The data collected by Sheriff Koutoujian is the first I am seeing on COVID-19 vaccination interest

amongst people in jail in the nation, and it will help us develop better, smarter educational programs and policy. I hope to see this data shared and potentially published as we work towards protecting those in congregate care settings from COVID-19."

To date, 103 MSO staff

members have been vaccinated. All personnel were frontline healthcare workers and officers deemed eligible per Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines and work in assignments such as intake, health services, and mental health.

## Tewksbury, Wilmington libraries to host authors Preston and Child on Jan. 29

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library have joined forces to host bestselling authors Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Preston and Child will discuss their latest thriller, "The Scorpion's Tail," in this Zoom webinar.

Space is limited. Registration is required and can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/PrestonandChild](http://www.tinyurl.com/PrestonandChild). While this virtual event is completely free, attendees can purchase an autographed copy of the book to be shipped to their homes from the event's bookstore partner — Wellesley Books — before or after the event.

The thrillers of Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child "stand head and shoulders above their rivals" (Publishers Weekly). Preston and Child's "Relic" and "The Cabinet of Curiosities" were chosen by readers in a National Public Radio poll as being among the 100 greatest thrillers ever written, and "Relic" was made into a number-one box office hit movie.

They are coauthors of the famed Pendergast series and their recent novels include "Crooked River," "Old Bones," "Verses for the Dead," and "City of Endless Night."

In addition to his novels,

Douglas Preston writes about archaeology for *The New Yorker* and *National Geographic* magazines. Lincoln Child is a Florida resident and former book editor who has published seven novels of his own, including bestsellers such as "Full Wolf Moon" and "Deep Storm."

This event is sponsored by a collection of North of Boston libraries, including the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Billerica Public Library, Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, Tewksbury Public Library, Wilmington Memorial Library, and Woburn Public Library.

This event is a part of a series of virtual discussions with bestselling authors held this winter.

The next event in the series features a discussion with Robin Cook, in conversation with Hank Phillippi Ryan, on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at 7 p.m.



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### History:

## Town notes and odd items from the 1950s

### Cigarette Annie

Some 65 years ago, a woman living at the Tewksbury State Hospital would often be seen walking along Main Street. She would walk up one side to the Lowell line and then down the other to the Wilmington line, and back again, picking up cigarette butts. She usually found enough butts to allow her to chain-smoke them. She became known as "Cigarette Annie."

A Wilmington soldier stationed at Fort Devens had a chance to talk with her at Chandler's Corner one Saturday. He was thumbing a ride home for the weekend.

Annie was nearby, and she approached the soldier. All good soldiers should beware of the institution just across the field, she said, pointing at the hospital.

"They take you in there in a big black car, and you never get out again," she said.

Of course, Annie was out most every day, walking along the highway, looking for butts.

### Sorry, Charlie

Officer Charlie Ellsworth got no thanks from a dog he rescued in the summer of 1958. Ellsworth, who later became Sgt. Ellsworth, was on traffic duty when he saw a small dog jump from a passing car.

Charlie was able to grab the dog, which he placed in his own car, to await the return of the owner. Apparently the owner failed to realize what had happened, so Charlie was stuck with the dog. When he finished the detail and returned to the car, the dog refused, in no uncertain

terms, to let him enter his own vehicle.

### Floral tribute

Joseph Cotton had a very successful real estate business in Wilmington in the early 1900s. In his 30-year retirement, he devoted quite a bit of time to hand-capping the horses. In his final years, he would often be seen at Rockingham, in the company of some of the boys down in Wilmington Square.

When he died at age 82 in July 1958, the boys did not forget him. Alongside his casket, among other floral tributes, was one of the type hung over a winning horse's neck. Possibly some of Joe's other friends didn't realize the significance, but there was no mistaking from whom it came.

A banner on the bouquet said simply, "The Boys from the Square."

### Long beams

All Wilmington seemed to know when the beams for the Route 125 bridge arrived in town in May 1959. First came a call from a Woburn man, saying the beams were on the way. Then came a call from Wilmington Square, telling how the truck made the turn from Route 38 onto Church Street with only a foot to spare. Folks on Ballardvale Street learned about the beams the hard way when the beams took down a pole.

But nobody could top the experience of Hank Sullivan of Middlesex Avenue. When he met the beams, the truck was rounding a corner and the beams were headed straight for Hank's windshield. He threw his car into reverse and backed away faster than he had been driving forward.



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**\$13,998**

### 2018 Toyota Corolla LE

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#H201107  
**\$14,998**

### 2014 Honda CRV EX AWD

Polished Metal • 56K miles

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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Wilmington schools go remote for two weeks

Dear WPS parents/guardians and staff,  
My commitment to maintain our operations and support in-person learning remains steadfast, as I believe that it is not only best for our children, but it is also entirely possible to accomplish with our established protocols.

It appears that our community is struggling to help us in this effort. There were many who were skeptical of us remaining open immediately after the holiday break, anticipating that people would travel and/or be in contact with others. However, I was hopeful that everyone would do the right thing over the break in following the guidance to stay safe, allowing us to return to school with no new cases.

Unfortunately, this has not occurred and based on the Department of Education's weekly reporting, it is clear that we have the highest cases from surrounding districts during the reporting period of Jan. 7 to 13:

District	Student Pos. Cases	Staff Pos. Cases
Andover	0	0
Bedford	0	0
Billerica	0	0
Burlington	4	1
Reading	0	0
N. Andover	0	0
N. Reading	5	1
Wilmington	7	1
Woburn	3	1

Source: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/positive-cases/>

Based upon these developments, and after consultation with our local health officials, I am writing to inform you that that a number of our schools will switch to fully remote instruction beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Friday, Jan. 29, with the exceptions noted below.

#### ADJUSTMENTS TO WPS OPERATION JAN. 19 TO JAN. 29

- Wilmington High School and Middle School - Fully Remote
- North Intermediate and Woburn Street Elementary Schools - Fully Remote

The following buildings/programs will remain open to in-person instruction at this time:

- Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers will follow current schedules
- Shawsheen Elementary and West Intermediate Schools will follow current schedules
- ALL PreK-12 high needs programs will follow current schedules

#### WHY THE DECISION TO GO REMOTE?

We now have almost 30 new positive cases in the District and Wilmington is experiencing for the first time the reality that our total new positive case count is greater for the community's youth as compared to new adult cases.

It is essential that our community and families take this time to "reset" and seek testing if anyone in your family is exhibiting symptoms, and stay home to quarantine until the results are back. Not only do we have the new cases of close to 30, but there has been one case of person-to-person spread and there are more than 80 active "close contacts" - students or staff who are currently quarantined.

The impact of this total situation is simply too challenging logistically to continue to operate all of our schools due to a combination of factors, including reaching capacity to maintain the current pace of contact tracing, the impact of students shifting in and out of quarantine, and contending with ongoing strains on staffing.

I realize that this is deeply disappointing to many, and especially those families and community members who have been trying hard to follow the guidelines and do the right thing to remain safe. However, with safety of our students and staff at the forefront, and a careful consideration of the impact on instruction that is already challenging enough, this decision is necessary at this time.

Please ensure that you and your family are following the guidance that has been clearly shown to stop the spread of this disease.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Glenn Brand  
Wilmington  
Superintendent of Schools

### Kevin O'Donnell makes Dean's List at Xavier Univ.

CINCINNATI, OH — With a grade point average of 4.0 during the fall semester, Wilmington resident Kevin O'Donnell made the Dean's List at Xavier University for the Williams College of Business.

#### Book Stew Review

### 'Friends and Strangers' by J. Courtney Sullivan

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This novel of genera-

tional differences also draws on class conflict, widening the theme and making it an outstanding

examination of women's choices and consequences.

Author and mom Elisabeth leaves behind her beloved Brooklyn when her inventor husband receives a job offer at a college in what is clearly Northampton/Amherst, MA.

She hires Smith College (not disguised but unnamed) scholarship student Samantha as a part-time nanny, and the women become completely (and overly on Elisabeth's part) entwined in each other's lives.

Sullivan extensively explores campus and com-

munity activism — Sam's at Smith, with her kitchen co-workers, and Elisabeth's father-in-law's, in league with his retired men friends. There is only a sprinkle of women of color (the horrible Smith College president, a student, and cafeteria workers), and Sam's romance with a weedy Englishman grabs too many pages, but the writing is lovely and the plot is even more compelling than the characters.

My early choice for a 2021 Top Ten.

Quotes: "Elisabeth had never learned to argue without chipping off a piece of the other person."

## Capitol event insurrection and impact on students

By PAUL J. ANDREWS  
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Certainly stories from the Capitol event in Washington have taken over the news with many parents having been asked questions by their children. Parents have wondered how they should handle such questions. The fact of the matter is that this is easier said than done as students also "hear" the news themselves and depending on age have a peer group, who they may communicate even in a pandemic.

Malcom Gay in his recent *Boston Globe* piece commented, "I would suggest that parents ask the child, whatever age they are, what they have heard and how they feel about the Capitol event. Take some cues from them. What you are really trying to do as a parent is help the child understand the world and, to the extent possible, make them feel safe at home. So understanding the child's worries and concerns is a good place to start."

Candidly many parents and teachers are trying

to come to grips with a scene that has brought the attention of the world onto actions never witnessed in Washington where many lives and Democracy was being challenged with several deaths resulting from the actions taken. This was without question a sad day for America.

#### Check lessons learned

When schools really reopen Dr. Jerome Schultz of the Harvard Medical School says, "there is a need to ask the students individually what they are looking forward to when they come back to school and what they are worried about."

He adds that it is important to look at why the students who are striving are in fact doing so, says Dr. Schultz. The question will be to examine what changes relative to in-person instruction are needed, if any.

Some may object to the comments of a physician such as stated above but this will be a much studied question along with many others that are the concerns and thoughts of school administrators and teachers, as well as the educational academic

community.

Remote and in-person education through this pandemic will be a well told story that will go on for decades at least. I see the time as an outstanding refocus of so many in the education community to educate our students in the best way they could considering all factors involved along with self-preservation within their own and extended families.

This horrible year will always bring some real sad memories but I see an educational community that accomplished an incredible feat to bring education to their students to the very best of their abilities and survive.

#### Some final comments and Pulse extractions

Winchester lost a giant with the death of long time Town Moderator John Sullivan this past week. John had a huge number of local friends, as a result of his years of dedication to the town and his stewardship of the community over his many years. This never ended for the well-respected town official even after he retired to spend time in Florida. John's heart was al-

ways in Winchester.

As we round third with this column, here are some extractions from the Morning Pulse that you seem to enjoy and hope that continues, as that is the intent for the following: Amazon to invest \$2 billion to build affordable housing; Private philanthropy: The indispensable force in the pandemic; January is a good time to begin estate planning; Small business owners see long road to recovery; Retirees need to focus on risk management; New York real estate begins to recover after a grim year; Pandemic's toll on higher education leaves some institutions fighting for survival; Brokers optimistic for 2021; Stress test looms for financial system in 2021; Latest COVID bill may have flaws but it brings much needed business relief; Students to return to in-person learning in West Virginia; Americans flocked to buy life insurance, prepare wills and trusts this year; Religious non-profits scramble to get enough donations to match the surge in community needs and a big year for the likes of Amazon and Netflix meant misery on Main Street.

## Baker-Polito Administration announces plan to begin vaccinations for phase two

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration outlined plans to start vaccines for congregate care settings, the next priority group within Phase One of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

The Command Center also made updates to the first priority group in Phase Two of the distribution plan to include residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.

**Congregate Care**  
Beginning Monday, Jan. 18, vaccinations will begin at residential congregate care and shelter programs and correctional facilities within Phase 1 of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 distribution plan. This will include over 94,000 eligible individuals, both residents and staff, across the Commonwealth.

This wave of vaccinations includes residential congregate care programs including group homes, residential treatment programs, community-based acute residential treatment programs, and clinical stabilization service programs, emergency shelter programs including homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and Veterans' shelters, and approved private special education schools which offer residential services and are approved by the Depart-

ment of Elementary and Secondary Education and correctional facilities. Correctional facilities will also begin vaccinations for staff and inmates.

This week, congregate care vaccinations began at some facilities that enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program with CVS and Walgreens.

Congregate Care facilities can vaccinate their residents, clients, and staff over the age of 16 through one of three vaccination options:

#### Option #1: Program "Self-Administration"

Organizations that have the capability to directly receive and administer COVID-19 vaccines can request vaccine from the Department of Public Health if they meet certain requirements.

Self-administering organizations must plan to vaccinate 200 individuals. However, the scale can be achieved by partnering with other organizations. For more information, visit the Congregate Care Vaccine page.

#### Option #2: Leverage Existing Pharmacy Partnerships or other Medical Provider Relationships

Programs with existing pharmacy partnerships can leverage these partnerships to administer COVID-19 vaccines. This

includes programs that work with pharmacies to administer the regular flu vaccine clinics, and/or other existing relationships with local hospitals, health care practices, community health centers, university health centers, or VNAs.

#### Option #3: Mass Vaccination Sites

Mass vaccination sites can also be utilized by congregate care settings. The Commonwealth announced the opening of the first mass vaccination site at Gillette Stadium that will launch on Monday.

The Command Center is working to finalize plans for additional mass vaccination sites and expects additional provider and pharmacy vaccination sites to launch. These sites will require appropriate identification to establish you meet the congregate care prioritization criteria.

#### Correctional Facilities

Vaccination of staff and inmates of correctional facilities will also begin next week.

For the Department of Correction (DOC), vaccinations are expected to last for three weeks to inoculate all residents and

staff. The total population of DOC inmates and civilly committed persons is about 6,500 and the total number of staff is about 4,500, for a total of about 11,000.

Inmates will receive their vaccines from DOC's medical provider, Wellpath, in the facilities. DOC is also working to establish regional vaccine sites for staff, who will receive their vaccines from Armstrong and Brewster Ambulance staff.

Houses of Correction run by the sheriffs will follow a similar procedure, with medical staff providing vaccines.

#### Updates to Phase Two

Residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing will now be included in step one of Phase Two of the vaccine distribution plan.

Similar senior facilities are already receiving vaccines through the FPPP as part of Phase 1 of the plan, so this change will bring the timetable for the other facilities more in line.

The revised vaccine distribution timeline will be reflected on [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine).

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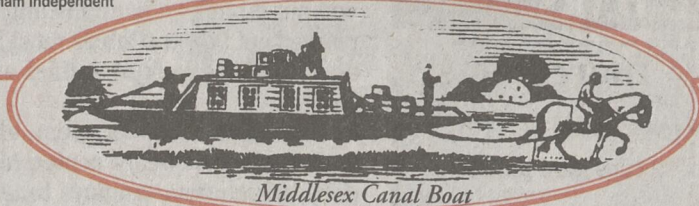
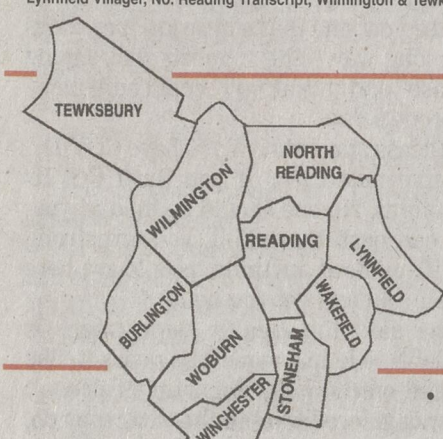






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## Wilmington teen donates her time during tough times

By RYAN LAROCHE

thing is filled out correctly.

It's been almost a year since the coronavirus reached American shores and in that time more than 400,000 died and millions more became infected. Even with multiple vaccines at the ready, COVID-19 cases continue to surge. This pandemic forced many businesses to either close or operate at a diminished capacity, thereby causing unemployment numbers to skyrocket and left many Americans out in the cold (in some cases, literally).

Thankfully, this pandemic also brought out the best in people, as donations poured in over the past year to help those in need. Not only that, but many jumped in to volunteer their time and talents, whether on a national, state or local level.

One such volunteer is Wilmington resident and Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School student Melanie Mytych. Since the pandemic began, the 15-year old started volunteering with the Health Department in Wilmington. Her mother, Kim, is the senior clerk in the department.

Melanie said she started volunteering through her mother.

"I've been going with her since I was young," she noted, "and I started to find other programs that we had worked with and I asked to volunteer with them."

The high school student is set to volunteer at some upcoming coronavirus and flu clinics. Although not able to give shots or handle the paperwork, Melanie said she plans to assist with the beginning of the process of the paperwork, plus help check people in and help people who might have questions. She also said she'll go over the paperwork to make sure every-

"I do plan to be at most of the clinics if I can," the 15-year old added, noting that she'll "make sure everything runs smoothly."

Besides working the clinics, Melanie also worked hard this past holiday season facilitating the donation of nearly 150 presents for Wilmington families in need, most of whom had coronavirus diagnoses and lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

Dan O'Brien, Communications Director for Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Lexington, said Melanie learned about these families through the town's COVID-19 contact tracing efforts.

"During contact tracing, the families expressed need and the Health Department galvanized Melanie and others to collect, organize and distribute the gifts," he noted. "This began during the holidays but is ongoing."

According to Melanie, "I was thrown into it to be completely honest, and I'm so happy I was. My mom came home one day and said that she had presents in the back of her truck and she needed help and I said I would gladly take on the project."

The high school student said she and her mom "soon found ourselves in my neighbor's garage unloading a couple of hundred presents in there. Soon we had friends help wrap them and my mother posted something on her Facebook account asking for some money for presents, heat and oil for families."

The two also realized they needed clothing donations, so they went to Old Navy "and got a little girl some church clothes. They were such cute, little outfits."

Melanie said the day



WILMINGTON RESIDENT AND MINUTEMAN REGIONAL TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MELANIE MYTYCH spent 2020 volunteering her time with her town's Health Department and also worked at the day-care center at her school. In addition, the 15-year old facilitated the donation of nearly 150 presents during the holidays.

they delivered the presents was amazing; they were able to give one family heat and oil.

"We still have so many presents left and are now trying to find homes for these toys," the 15-year old admitted.

If that's not enough, Melanie also helped deliver masks. She said the process went great and "we were able to get them out smoothly. We had just enough until the next batch of masks," which she said they planned to deliver last Saturday. Melanie said they received money from the state to buy in bulk.

The 15-year old doesn't do it alone, as she gave credit to her mother, stating, "she is normally the one who runs everything."

When she's not volunteering her time by working at clinics, donating gifts or distributing masks, Melanie also works in the day-care center at her school.

"It's been kind of crazy," she said about working with the younger children, especially as it relates to the pandemic and all the health and safety protocols she has to follow. She added how it makes things difficult because they don't necessarily have everything they need.

Melanie did note that when it comes to mask wearing, all the children understand they need to wear one. She said they rarely if

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Locked Down' mirrors our quarantine experiences

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

Doug Liman's "Locked Down," one of the first and most ambitious films to be conceived and shot during the pandemic, is, like our own quarantine experiences, erratic, a little absurd and sporadically delightful.

Unlike our time in quarantine, it has Chiwetel Ejiofor and Anne Hathaway. This, not a small difference, is crucial in "Locked Down," an energetic romantic comedy-slash-heist movie that makes a game entry into the emerging genre of COVID-19 movies. Liman, the director of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," "The Edge of Tomorrow" and "The Bourne Identity," has always, in a movie world of lumbering, oxygen-depleted action films, had a knack for more agile and playful films that give A-list performers ample room to breathe.

That serves "Locked Down" well, with Hathaway and (especially) Ejiofor making a charming pair, even as they play a couple that, just before lockdown began, have had it with each other. The script is by Steven Knight ("Eastern Promises," "Peaky Blinders"), who penned an early breakout for Ejiofor in the very good, London-set "Dirty Pretty Things." Knight wrote "Locked Down," which debuted



THE NEW NORMAL - This image released by HBO Max shows Anne Hathaway in a scene from "Locked Down." The film reflects how the the realities of the pandemic redefine daily life - erratic, a little absurd and sporadically delightful. (HBO Max via AP)

Thursday on HBO Max, in July, and by September, they were filming in London with COVID on-set protocols —mainly shooting in a townhouse, on empty city streets and a culminating scene at Harrods. That things build to a semi-ridiculous heist is fitting; the whole movie feels stolen.

It also feels very March-April 2020. There are pajama pants, baking plans and Zoom calls (Ben Stiller, Ben Kingsley and Mindy Kaling make remote cameos playing characters seen only through the computer screen). "Locked Down" points to one problem of pandemic movies: So much has changed so fast that some of the novelties of last spring now feel dated and stale.

But seeing two terrific performers like Ejiofor and Hath-

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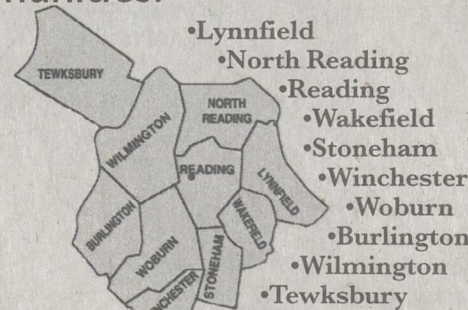
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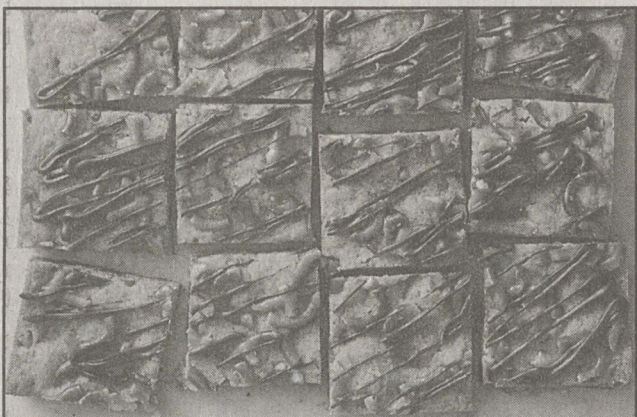
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2. In large bowl, mix cookie mix, softened butter, egg and crushed pretzels with spoon until soft dough forms. Stir in butterscotch chips. Spread dough evenly in pan. Break remaining 1 cup pretzel twists in small pieces, and sprinkle on top; press lightly into dough.
3. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 30 minutes.
4. In small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds, stirring halfway through, until chips can be stirred

### s m o o t h

Spoon into resealable food-storage plastic bag; partially seal bag. Cut small tip from corner of bag; drizzle chocolate over top. Let stand about 1 hour 30 minutes or until chocolate is set. Cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store covered in airtight container.

### Ingredients

- Cookie Bar**
- 2 cups mini pretzel twists
  - 1 pouch (17.5 oz.) Betty Crocker™ chocolate chip cookie mix
  - 3/4 cup butter, softened
  - 1 egg
  - 3/4 cup butterscotch chips
- Topping**
- 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips

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To soften butter, cut in small pieces and leave at room temperature. A faster method is to microwave butter in 5-second intervals, turning butter frequently so it's softened but not melted.

The secret for cutting bars easily is to line pan with heavy-duty or nonstick foil. When it is time to cut the bars, just lift baked bar with foil out of pan, and cut. This also makes cleanup extra easy.

## Movie

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away in such circumstances lends them a far less familiar glamour. Knight's lively and verbose script (he also wrote the even-more-confined "Locke") gives the actors a kind of quarantine-screwball atmosphere rich in claustrophobia and shut-in frustration. The experience is causing Linda (Hathaway)

and Paxton (Ejiofor) to doubt much in their lives. Linda, who has initiated the break-up, runs the London division of a global corporation. After being ordered to fire her staff by Zoom, she begins to question her career. Paxton's never got going. A biker and poet who occasionally reads to his locked-down block from the middle of the street, he's never risen above delivery man, his record tarnished by a long-ago crime.

For a while, they're both monologuing around the house in between videoconference confessions, but their existential distress eventually syncs up, and "Locked Down" — like someone finally settling into a pandemic rhythm — takes shape.

"Locked Down" is inevitably, and intentionally, of

the moment. But I hope some of its off-the-cuff spirit lasts after the pandemic. So much Hollywood moviemaking is laboriously preordained. The being ordered to fire her staff in advance. Little is spontaneous and, as a consequence, films that feel connected to their time are hard to find at the studio level. Hopefully the COVID-made movie is soon a relic, but its fleet-footedness sticks around.

"Locked Down," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for language throughout and some drug material. Running time: 118 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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## Teen

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ever take it off "and if it does fall off, they will put it back on in an instant." She also pointed out how the tables must be six feet apart and the lack of stuffed animals or soft toys.

The high school student also works with another day-care center, Magic Gardens, which also employs tough restrictions, such as when a child is transferred to a new room, no other child can be in that room with that child so they don't interact with anyone else.

"It can make it hard for the child," Melanie said, noting they can only have 15 children in one room.

In her free time - or "free" time to be more specific - Melanie enjoys playing basketball. She also plays for the Minute-man Tech basketball team; unfortunately, due to COVID-19, her season has yet to start. She said it "stinks" but understands it's necessary.

"I want to keep everyone around me safe," she stressed, adding that going to a nearby park and practicing is just as beneficial as playing an actual game. "I do plan on starting a new team up soon and I can't wait for it."

As Melanie knows some people who tested positive - both symptomatic and asymptomatic - she understands what many people are going through. Her advice is for people to remember "we are all stressed out and that a little kindness does go a long way." She suggests that saying "please" and "thank you" could help make someone's day.

"Please stay inside if you have COVID," Melanie noted, "or if you have COVID symptoms. No one should be mad at you. You can push through it, you are strong and if you need anything, people are here to help you and get you better."

She said the Health Department is available to help anyone who needs it. She pointed out how the department doesn't get enough credit for all the work they do, especially the behind-the-scenes work that many people don't see. She specifically shouted out Shelly Newhouse, Tracy Mello and her nurses, her mother Kim, Kelly Malatesta and her daughters Devin and Jordan, saying they've been helping out during these trying times.

She praised the efforts of every nurse and everyone who stepped up during the pandemic "and will continue to help out with anything that will be thrown at us."

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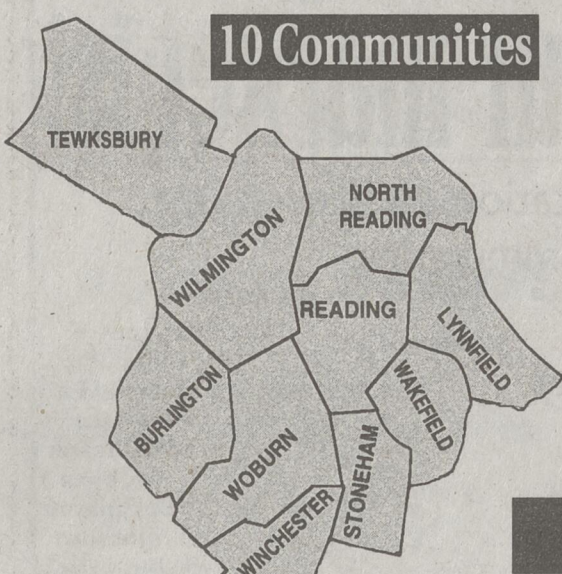
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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** Patrice Bergeron became Bruins captain when Zdeno Chara left for the Washington Capitals. Who was the Bruins captain before Chara?

Answer appears below:

The ski slopes having to adjust during pandemic

All health experts agree that being outside in this era of COVID-19 is for the best. And although the weather at this time of year is cold, and most feel the need to remain indoors for their exercise, there is an outdoor alternative — the ski slopes.

Ski resort operators across New England are trying to make the most of it to ensure good ski season, even if it won't look quite like it has in years prior pre-COVID. But, much like the sport of golf with its inherited social distancing, skiing and snowboarding are well-suited for the times we are currently living. They are naturally socially distant — outdoors and spread across wide-open spaces. And skiers are already used to face coverings, however, not exactly the ones the CDC requires but they can work with that.

Folks have to be diligent to the travel restrictions, however. Skiers traveling

north from Massachusetts face 7-day quarantine followed by a negative COVID test. So perhaps traveling out of the Commonwealth up north may not be a viable option.

Even in state you need to be up-to-date on the current guidelines.

Back on Dec. 26, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker issued a roll back to Phase 3, Step 1.

At Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, that meant its MTNside capacity was be reduced from 40% to 25%, lodge seating limited to 1 hour, masks must be worn while not actively eating/drinking.

Wachusett has been working with the State of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Ski Areas Association and National Ski Areas Association to establish proper COVID protocols and guidelines. Skiers and riders should be aware that a potential risk of visiting the ski area may include exposure to COVID-19 and becoming infected.

Still, many resorts are reluctant to discourage guests in any way at all. The problem with making reservations too far in advance is that you're stuck with whatever weather you get which is already a built-in curveball



with attempting to ski in New England pandemic, or no pandemic.

So call ahead, or check on-line, is always someone best option before a day on the slopes.

**Late starting BU men's hockey team hopes to put delay behind it**

BU was the last Division 1 men's hockey team to get its season started when the Terriers took to the ice on Jan. 8 at Walter Brown Arena against Providence. Walter Brown Arena?

Yes, the Terriers returned to their former home for the first time since Jan. 4, 2005 because their new home, Agganis Arena, has been repurposed as a campus COVID-19 test site.

As in other college sports, there surely will be a wide variance in number of games played this season, by design or because of virus outbreaks. Some college hockey teams already have played a dozen. Many are not playing

non-conference games. Those factors mess up the metrics used to determine the 10 at-large spots in the 16-team NCAA Tournament.

Instead of relying on the objectivity of the computer-based Pairwise rankings, the Division 1 ice hockey committee members will have to go old school and hash it out among themselves.

When Boston University began on Jan. 8, its league, Hockey East, has already issued news releases announcing schedule changes 19 times in the previous 48 days. Big Ten teams are playing a 24-game conference schedule, plus an additional four games per school against Arizona State. The Sun Devils are an independent, and as a one-year Big Ten affiliate had to agree to play all 28 of their games on the road.

In the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, Northern Michigan has played six games and had eight postponed or canceled.

In the Eastern College

Athletic Conference, the six Ivy League members along with Union College and RPI opted out for the season. That leaves Clarkson, Colgate, St. Lawrence and Quinnipiac.

Another league, Atlantic Hockey, has had 22 of its first 81 games canceled or postponed.

The National Collegiate Hockey Conference had its eight teams gather for 21 days in Omaha, Nebraska, last month. All players, staff and officials had to stay in what was called the pod, meaning Baxter Arena and their nearby hotel. There was regular COVID-19 testing and other precautions were taken, and all 38 of the scheduled games were played.

"It's going to be an asterisk year in college hockey, no doubt about it," said Division 1 ice hockey committee member Mike Kemp.

**Local college hockey notes**

Burlington's **KELLY BROWNE**, a junior forward on the Boston College women's ice hockey team, had three points, and the No. 8 BC women's team came out on top of Holy Cross for a 5-1 victory last Saturday night at the Hart Center Rink.

With her assist in the first period, Browne became the 33rd player in program his-

tory to reach 75 career points. Her three-point night marked the 19th multi-point game of her career. Browne has at least one point in eight consecutive games against Holy Cross and she also finished with a game-high 14 face-off wins...

UNH junior defenseman **RYAN VERRIER** of Reading scored a goal and added an assist in each of his last two games, however, they both came in losses to UConn last weekend. The Wildcats lost, 6-5, last Friday in Storrs, CT and then 8-3 on Saturday at the Whittemore Center in Durham, NH.

Playing for UConn in Woburn's **MARC GATCOMB** who picked up an assist in his team's win on Saturday night. For the season, Gatcomb has three goals and two assists for five points and has played in all his team's 11 games.

Answer to this week's question: Joe Thornton served as Bruins captain for three seasons prior to Chara.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

## • Real Estate Transfers •

### BURLINGTON

6 Hallmark Gdns #4 was sold to Kajjam, Deepthi by Kim, Joshua for \$281,000 on 12/29/20  
8 Kelly Farm Way was sold to Mathur, Tanmay and Nayyar, Nidhi by Chrisp, Michael P and Chrisp, Mitzi M for \$981,000 on 12/30/20  
29 Knollwood Ct #29 was sold to Chen, Tong and Ma, Kyle H by Ayer, David J for \$610,000 on 12/30/20

10 Locust St was sold to Canavan, Karrie and Pisanias, Nikolas by Rose, William T and Rose, Marcy D for \$667,500 on 12/29/20

55 Macon Rd was sold to Lalli, Andrew C and Lalli, Jean M by Fairweather RET and Fairweather, William E for \$575,000 on 12/30/20

2 Mooney Rd was sold to Barthelmy, Hector and Charles, Marie by Hanafin Rose Mary Est and Hanafin, David G for \$570,000 on 12/24/20

60 Peach Orchard Rd was sold to CBC Financial LLC by Croyle, Robert J for \$395,000 on 12/30/20

7 Spring Valley Rd was sold to Schneider, Ryan T and Robinson, Shannon E by Bonta, Marjorie A for \$649,900 on 12/29/20

7 Wyman St was sold to Singh, Rachit and Mehta, Neha by Kalvert, Zaheer and Kalvert, Farheen for \$780,000 on 12/29/20

### NORTH READING

5 Greenbriar Dr #204 was sold to Crater, Amanda J by Vogt Catherine E Est and Howe, Arielle S for \$255,000 on 12/31/20

6 Maple Rd was sold to Malin, Kevin and Macinnes, Brittany K by 6 Maple Road LLC for \$633,500 on 12/30/20

230 Martins Lndg #4102 was sold to Abisso, Kathleen and Abisso, Robert by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$357,025 on 12/28/20

230 Martins Lndg #4107 was sold to 11 Elm Square RT and Blasi, Irene by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$452,575 on 12/28/20

230 Martins Lndg #4108 was sold to Daw, Julian C by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$378,350 on 12/28/20

230 Martins Lndg #4302 was sold to Craig, Deborah R by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$403,595 on 12/29/20

230 Martins Lndg #4312 was sold to Botelho FT and Botelho, Mark J by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$507,650 on 12/28/20

4 New St was sold to Herman, Rebecca and Herman, Eli A by Costa, Alan M for \$610,000 on 12/30/20

82 North St was sold to Finnegan, Michael P and Finnegan, Christine N by Dunn, Tyler and Dunn, Adrienne for \$550,000 on 12/28/20

146 Park St was sold to J B Mclean House RT and Wheeler, D Bruce by Microgan T and Gardner, Bernice L for \$1,590,000 on 12/31/20

### READING

43 Arcadia Ave was sold to Sherburne, Robert H and Sherburne, Susan J by Regan, James J and Regan, Lee A for \$740,000 on 12/24/20

26 Bear Hill Rd was sold to Schuster, Gregory and Guttadauro, Georgia by Wagner, Brant T and Cappello-Wagner, Annika for \$840,000 on 12/29/20

102 Curtis St was sold to McGowan, Timothy and McGowan, Jennifer by Grotenhuis, Ian and Grotenhuis, Heidi for \$640,000 on 12/29/20

248 Main St was sold to C&S Capital Prop LLC by Carter&Coleman RT and Carter, Richard M for \$2,350,000 on 12/30/20

19 Vista Ave was sold to Wight, John A by Flammia FT and Flammia, Robert J for \$565,000 on 12/31/20

150 Wakefield St was sold to Carpenter, St even D by Paul D Bassett RET and Woods, Richard C for \$575,000 on 12/30/20

### STONEHAM

85 Cedar St was sold to R K Stoneham LLC by IYH Corp for \$20,000,000 on 12/28/20

19 Flint Ave was sold to 19 Flint LLC by Arsenault, Carlene J for \$422,500 on 12/30/20

117 Franklin St #1 was sold to Nasiff, Lauren E by Northrop, Heather for \$335,000 on 12/29/20

22 Hanford Rd was sold to Gregorio, Erica N and Lafreniere, Gilles by Barbato, Ernest A and Barbato, Rhonda J for \$870,000 on 12/30/20

224 Park St #C3 was sold to Souza, Pethrus B and Silva, Erica by S G&Denise A Risti RET and Risti, Stephen G for \$495,000 on 12/30/20

35 Windsor Rd was sold to Brown, Ross I and Russo, Carolyn M by Haughey, Kevin C and Haughey, Caitlin M for \$610,000 on 12/29/20

61 Wright St #201 was sold to Muscarella, Katarzyna A by McDonough, Bridget for \$350,000 on 12/31/20

### TEWKSBURY

220 North St was sold to Shaw, Christopher J by Lombardi, Cara L for \$410,000 on 12/22/20

629 North St was sold to Goodliss, Alison L and Yanovitch, Evan by Boyle, Thomas A and Boyle, Nancy M for \$481,000 on 12/18/20

380 Pleasant St was sold to K&D FT and Dowling, Kathleen A by Helmer, Ryan C and Helmer, Stephanie for \$522,500 on 12/18/20

10 Pocahontas Rd was sold to Steele, Sara E by McCabe-Donovan, Roberta for \$155,000 on 12/22/20

290 River Rd was sold to Rogers, Sheila M by Alikonis, Christopher D and Maglio, Kristina M for \$492,000 on 12/18/20

Terramor Dr was sold to AMG Development LLC by Mccarthy, Harold W and Mccarthy, Linda M for \$4,345,000 on 12/21/20

25 Vale St was sold to Hayward, Ashley E and Hayward, Dillon M by Ek, Jason for \$453,000 on 12/22/20

125 Walnut Rd was sold to Borges, Ayrton by JMF Realty LLC for \$508,000 on 12/22/20

38 Apache Way #38 was sold to Gustafson, Cheryl by Willett, Alessandra D for \$367,000 on 12/30/20

54 Bay State Rd was sold to Paula, Anthony and Paula, Justine by Rheau, Brian D and Rheau, Erika Z for \$635,000 on 12/30/20

17 Cleghorn Ln was sold to Gilbert, Danielle E and Gilbert, Nico P by Degregorio Esther J Est Mailoux, Diane for \$495,000 on 12/31/20

14 Louis Rd was sold to Ferreira-Lima, Cristiana and Nonato-Dasilva, Robson by Spence, Carol A and Ryan, Charlene for \$515,000 on 12/24/20

2077 Main St was sold to LBM LLC by GRB Realty LLC for \$1,850,000 on 12/30/20

191 Merrimack Meadows Ln #191 was sold to Bhowmik, Arup by Gilligan, Ryan J for \$316,000 on 12/30/20

220 Merrimack Meadows Ln #220 was sold to Shakelford, Melinda M by Tabrizi, Amir T for \$425,000 on 12/30/20

### WAKEFIELD

18 Summer St was sold to Basile, Anthony by Pinecrest Realty Vent for \$765,000 on 12/18/20

14 W Water St #1 was sold to Lagace, Dennis and Prentiss, Olivia by Butler, Caitlin N or \$264,480 on 12/23/20

33 Wakefield Ave was sold to Amirault, John by Palmerino Enrico S Est and Bourassa, Joann N for \$530,000 on 12/22/20

21 Woodcrest Dr was sold to Carvalho, Derek and Dupuis, Lauren E by R E&Paula J Fanjoy RET and Fanjoy, Paula J for \$500,000 on 12/21/20

11 Atwood St was sold to Traill, Joyce by Gibbons, Cheryl J for \$485,900 on 12/30/20

7 Butler Ave was sold to Gist, Michelle K by Kimball, Caitlin A for \$545,000 on 12/30/20

46 Chestnut St was sold to Aval&Associates LLC by Norte Dame De Namur Inc for \$690,000 on 12/28/20

24 Elm St was sold to Santos, Sean M and Santos, Taylor by Lafferty IRT and Lafferty, Steven M for \$557,000 on 12/29/20

7 Harrison Ave was sold to Mapstone, Kathryn L by Majeski, Kevin F for \$491,000 on 12/29/20

8 Highland Ave #B was sold to Spinazzola, Leah S by Chin, Gloria K for \$485,000 on 12/28/20

28 Line Rd was sold to 495 LLC by 28 Line Road RT and Tibbets, Richard E for \$500,000 on 12/24/20

### WILMINGTON

1 Allenhurst Way was sold to Amato, Nicholas C and Amato, Erin L by Allenhurst Way RT and Cronin, Christopher B for \$899,900 on 12/31/20

299 Ballardvale St was sold to WCV 299-301 Ballardvale by Berkeley Ballardvale LLC for \$47,800,000 on 12/30/20

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27 Green Meadow Dr was sold to Leroy, Mitchell and Leroy, Ariel by Northeastern Dev Corp for \$860,000 on 12/30/20

88 Grove Ave was sold to Decosta, Jonathan and Decosta, Amy by P&G RT and Peterson,

Robert G for \$660,000 on 12/24/20

21 Industrial Way was sold to Atlantic Olivr 21 Ind Way by 21 Industrial Way LLC for \$3,592,612 on 12/31/20

42 Industrial Way was sold to Atlantic Olivr 42 Ind Way by 42 Industrial Way LLC for \$26,606,554 on 12/31/20

65 Industrial Way was sold to Atlantic Olivr 65 Ind Way by 65 Industrial Way LLC for \$17,010,953 on 12/31/20

80 Industrial Way was sold to Atlantic Olivr 80 Ind Way by 80 Industrial Way LLC for \$72,982,617 on 12/31/20

6 Kaji Way was sold to Lucci, Kenneth J by Jal&Mil RT and Lucci, John A for \$650,000 on 12/31/20

27 Marcus Rd was sold to Russo, Jacqueline and Firenze, David by Pedro-Limo, Paulino for \$494,000 on 12/30/20

37 North St was sold to Lanciani, Peter D by Sousa, Diddia S for \$530,000 on 12/29/20

11 Pilling Rd was sold to E L Kritter 1995 T and Kritter, Eugene L by Joan D Kritter 1995 T and Kritter, Eugene L for \$560,000 on 12/30/20

1 Progress Way was sold to Atlantic Oliver 1 Progrss by 1 Progress Way LLC for \$21,137,016 on 12/31/20

### WINCHESTER

171 Swanton St #65 was sold to Yuan, Shuocen and Zhong, Yumeng by Sandler, Laura L for \$708,000 on 12/17/20

10 Winchester Pl #201 was sold to Cleary, Thomas W and Cleary, Susan M by Flynn, Steven J for \$875,000 on 12/23/20

55 Yale St was sold to Kowalchik, Michael P and Kowalchik, Juliette K by Andersen, Sven A and Andersen, Christina H for \$2,106,000 on 12/17/20

7 Aristotle Dr was sold to Monaghan, Ryan F and Monaghan, Shannon K by Tripoli, Mark T and Tripoli, Elaine for \$1,580,000 on 12/30/20

32 High St was sold to Tripoli, Mark and Tripoli, Elaine by Brian D Lapointe LT and Lapointe, Brian D for \$869,000 on 12/31/20

422 Highland Ave was sold to Schopp, Leigh M and Schopp, Matthew J by Neckes, Jon D and Hare, Elizabeth A for \$1,200,000 on 12/28/20

36 Hollywood Rd was sold to Crane, Stephen H and Crane, Jenna L by Frisoli, Lawrence F and Frisoli, Kathryn A for \$1,300,000 on 12/30/20

23 Johnson Rd was sold to Seshadri, Ganesh and Sony, Shailaja by White Cove Properties for \$1,010,000 on 12/30/20

666 Main St #401 was sold to Black-Schaffer, Randie M and Black-Schaffer, W Stephen by Cleary, Susan M and Cleary, Thomas W for \$660,000 on 12/29/20

4 Sheffield Rd was sold to Neckes, Jon D and Hare, Elizabeth A by Zioze, Constantinos G and Zioze, Melanie G for \$2,100,000 on 12/30/20

7 Wainwright Rd #57 was sold to Yin, Yuzhou and Huang, Yuyan by Kook, Youn J and Kim, Summi for \$909,000 on 12/29/20

93 Wendell St was sold to Barsoum, Roshdy

S and Barsoum, Marlene Z by Schreiber, Mark J and Schreiber, Elizabeth S for \$970,000 on 12/30/20

10 Winchester Pl #102 was sold to He, Sai and Duan, Suwen by Patricia A Hintlian RET and Hintlian, Margot for \$840,000 on 12/28/20

### WOBURN

35 Prospect St #204 was sold to Wentzell, Karen by Le, Hanh H for \$220,000 on 12/22/20

434 Russell St was sold to Mohamed, Doaa E by Sabo-Jones and Jones, Jeffrey E for \$505,000 on 12/18/20

8 Sendick Rd was sold to Moreno, Rubel and Moreno-Villaneuva, M D by Stevenson, Brian and Stevenson, Chelsea for \$585,000 on 12/18/20

7 Sheridan St was sold to Salerno, Timothy and Feinberg, Leah by Sharma, Shweta and Acharya, Subodh for \$635,000 on 12/22/20

30 Stoddard St was sold to 30 Stoddard Street LLC by Parker, Scott H and Parker, Sharon for \$405,000 on 12/22/20

18 Thistle Rd was sold to Apple Tree T and Murray, Robert W by Gaudet Joan M Est and Leland, Janice A for \$525,000 on 12/23/20

1 Bryant St was sold to Melaragni, Stephen M by Melaragni, David C for \$800,000 on 12/30/20

165 Cambridge Rd #7 was sold to Corey, Brielle L by Dev LLC for \$499,900 on 12/30/20

25 Day Cir was sold to Najjar, Yusra M by Najjar, Enas M for \$600,000 on 12/29/20

18 Green St was sold to Custodio-Silva, Marcio by Donnellan, Markfor \$645,000 on 12/30/20

911 Main St was sold to Tara Vera Group LLC by 911 Main Street LLC for \$1,480,000 on 12/31/20

921 Main St was sold to Tara Vera Group LLC by 921 Main Street LLC for \$1,850,000 on 12/31/20

924 Main St #36 was sold to V&V Rentals LLC by Butt, Dawn R for \$254,500 on 12/30/20

31 Northwoods Cir #31 was sold to Guedes, Andre by Thathappa, Thiru and Thathappa, Bharathi for \$380,000 on 12/31/20

3 Oakland St was sold to CCH Realty LLC by Pollack, Edward for \$350,000 on 12/29/20

3 Oneil Rd was sold to Auto Body It Is Inc by 921 Main Street LLC for \$370,000 on 12/31/20

### LYNNFIELD

6 Park St was sold to Aguirre, Ana M and Aguirre, Jorge M by Mini, Andrew for \$570,000 on 12/22/20

26 Lockwood Rd was sold to Brennan, Kathleen E and Cappuccio, Samuel L by Penniston Barbara D Est and Penniston, Michael F for \$481,000 on 12/29/20

932-A Lynnfield St was sold to 2 Polis LLC by 100 Lynnfield Street RT and Ruderman, Todd A for \$1,975,000 on 12/30/20

25 Munroe St was sold to Patel, Ashish and Patel, Sweta by Nguyen, Hoa Q and Nguyen, Trung T for \$764,055 on 12/30/20

960 Summer St was sold to Scaduto, Jason by Pergal, Suzanne and Brazianus, Sophie for \$442,500 on 12/31/20

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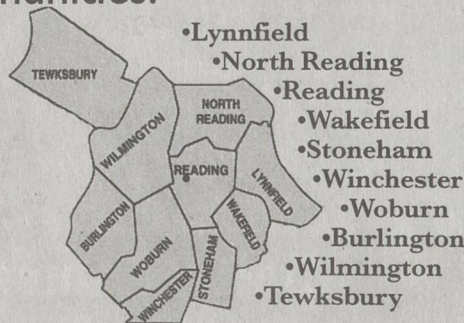
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## Tewksbury Police Log

### New Hampshire man arrested for OUI drugs, liquor

Monday, January 11

7:37 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious male party walked out of the woods behind their house at Trull Road. He was described as a white male in 20s, wearing a Nike backpack with jogger pants, black coat with gray hoodie. Police sent. Officer checked the area after speaking to the caller, but they could not locate the male party. Later, Officer located the party and turned him over to his mother's care. Officer filed a report.

11:03 a.m. - Caller stated there was an erratic operator who passed them on a double yellow and then stopped in front of their car yelling at them at Marshall Street. Police sent and filed a report.

1 p.m. - A 911 caller at Cube Smart Self Storage stated he was assaulted by a customer. He was described as a white male in a black hoodie and black sweat pants. Male party who reportedly assaulted the caller was standing outside the store and contacted 911 as well. Police stood by for the manager to arrive to look at the surveillance cameras. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, January 12

2:35 a.m. - Police reported a suspicious vehicle parked under trees and on the grass at Residence at Tewksbury Commons tower. Police sent but the vehicle was unoccupied.

8:30 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 for a well being check. Christopher Pagan, 27, of 18 Phoebe Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possess class A drugs.

5:20 p.m. - Call from Tyngsborough for an erratic driver on Nashua Road. Lowell Police were notified, as they were going by the home for a well being check. Police checked the area and surrounding roadways, unable to locate.

6:11 p.m. - The caller saw a male party tipping over trash barrels with a blue caravan following him in Tewksbury Cemetery. Police sent. Male from the group home on Pinnacle walked away from the house, but was now returning.

7:57 p.m. - A 911 call from Ironwood Lane reported a suspicious SUV parked out back running for 20 minutes. Police sent. Vehicle was a

resident's.

8:20 p.m. - Multiple 911 calls for a three car motor vehicle accident at Walmart. Marc Peguero, 18, of 432 Howard St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Wednesday, January 13

12:16 a.m. - A 911 call from a female party reported someone was in her vehicle but she could not see the individual due to a cloud of dust at Lakeview Avenue. Police sent and officer filed a report.

9:19 a.m. - Caller reported a tarp in the woods at Totman Road. Police sent. It doesn't look like anyone was staying there, just seemed like kids made a fort.

12:43 p.m. - Caller reported there was a dark, tall and thin male asking people for money at School Street. Police sent but gone on arrival.

2:45 p.m. - Call for an erratic big rig driving out of the Home Depot parking lot the wrong way. Police sent. They

checked the area and the party was gone on arrival.

Thursday, January 14

2:38 a.m. - Brandon Gorgone, 33, of 178 Flagstone Dr. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI drugs, second offense of OUI liquor, possess class E drugs, and marked lanes violation.

3:19 a.m. - A male party at Circle K had stolen some items and was harassing customers. The male party was last seen digging through trash, wearing a white hoodie and jeans. Police sent. Vincent Ventiere, 31, of 16 Rockland Road in Weare, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing and trespass.

10:22 a.m. - Lowell Police Department reported they received a call that someone left an ankle bracelet in the roadway at Main Street and Route 495 south. Police sent and checked the area, but gone on arrival.

5:41 p.m. - Two men walked around the caller's yard at Tyngsboro Road. The home just sold at auction and they may be the new home owners. She does not want them

there. Police sent and the parties were gone on arrival.

Friday, January 15

8:20 p.m. - Manager at Holiday Inn reported three former guests were kicked out earlier for non-payments and have been hanging around the property for the past six or seven hours. Police sent. The parties have no place to go and were trying to arrange a ride.

8:33 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there's someone in the caller's residence at Fellows Lane. Believed to be a male who the caller said fled from the residence on foot. Police sent and filed a report.

9:08 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he got in a fight with another one of the employees at Pizza Bar. Police sent and filed a report.

Saturday, January 16

3:12 a.m. - A 911 caller reported he was physical assaulted by a friend of his at Lakeview Avenue and Hopkins Street. Police sent. Male transported to Lowell General Main campus and filed a report.

7:16 a.m. - A 911 caller at Sharon Street reported his cousin threw a brick at him after returning home. Police sent. Officer to return station with calling party to

work on a restraining order.

9:29 a.m. - The caller heard a girl scream and then exit a black SUV at Shawsheen Street and walk towards Oakdale. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

6:19 p.m. - a 911 call from Delaney Drive reported suspicious vehicle driving around her mother's house. A Gray SUV has been circling her house. Police sent. Vehicle checked out and a home health aide and was looking for PT house.

8:14 p.m. - 911 requested an ambulance due to female reportedly being poisoned at Lakeview Avenue, but she ran away from the responders. Kim McCauley, 41, of 93 Lakeview Ave. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery domestic.

Sunday, January 17

3:01 a.m. - Police out with a suspicious vehicle at Sports Zone. Vehicle was running with no occupants, and police sent. All units cleared.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported an individual came down his driveway and was walking his property at South Street. Police sent. Suspicious person was looking for a vehicle belonging to the ex-wife of the homeowner for a repossession. Units cleared; party was not on property. All parties spoken to.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Billerica man arrested after reportedly throwing glass alcohol bottle out of car window

Friday, January 8:

10:10 a.m.: A black 2011 Lexus RX350 was stopped at Rte. 62 and Earles Row. The party was sending an e-mail and was advised to pull over on a side street in the future.

11:22 a.m.: A truck belonging to Northeast Stone and Masonry was responsible for a gravel spill in the Lake Street/Shawsheen/Nichols area. The DPW reported the spill goes down Hopkins to Alexander Road. Billerica and Tewksbury were notified and the driver was issued a citation for unsecured load.

3:19 p.m.: Ashley Ann Guimaraes of 195 Wildwood St. was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration and operation of an uninsured vehicle. The gray 2017 Chevy Equinox had its

plates confiscated.

10:43 p.m.: Matthew R. Clark, 9 Braemore Road, Billerica, was taken into custody after Woburn police reported a green 2003 Chevy Silverado was operating erratically while entering Wilmington northbound on Rte. 38. A caller reported last seeing the vehicle near the U-Haul when the operator had thrown a glass alcohol bottle out of his window, almost striking the caller's vehicle. The operator was pulled over in front of 422 Main St.

Saturday, January 9:

9:55 a.m.: Reports were received of train gates going up and down and lights activating at Main Street and Middlesex Avenue. Keolis was contacted and stated workmen were in the area. The issue was resolved.

11:25 a.m.: Valdevino Jose Cordeiro, 11 Exeter St, Lowell, was apprehended for speeding in violation of special regulation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The black 2011 Ford Fiesta SE was stopped in the vicinity of Roosevelt Road and towed.

3:24 p.m.: There was an anonymous complaint of an individual on a motorized dirt or mini bike in the skate park on Shawsheen Avenue. The resident was found to have rode the bike from West Street, parked it behind a ramp, and used a skateboard at the park. They were advised not to ride the motorized bike in the park again.

Sunday, January 10:

10:58 a.m.: A gray 2017 Ford Fusion SE and a black

2019 Volvo XC90 were involved in a two-car motor vehicle collision near the AL Prime on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

4:18 p.m.: A resident on Nickerson Avenue requested a call from the Animal Control Officer regarding a fox that killed a turkey on his property.

6:30 p.m.: A resident from Apache Way was walking her dog on Aldrich when her dog was attacked by another dog. She did not exchange info because she was uncomfortable and wanted to get away. The other dog is described as a medium brown lab named Leo. The Animal Control officer will follow up.

Monday, January 11:

11:15 a.m.: At Panera Bread on Main Street, a DoorDash operator was giv-

en a verbal warning for a fire lane violation. The manager stated she will speak to drivers and let them know not to park there.

2 p.m.: The LRTA reported a disturbance at Main Street and Glen Road. An unruly passenger left on foot after a disagreement regarding mask placement on the face. The bus continued on and units searched for, but were unable to locate, the passenger.

4:46 p.m.: Police retrieved a cease and desist order at Town Hall to deliver to Pacific Grove on Lowell Street. Both management staff and owner were aware, and the owner was served notification in hand at the station.

Tuesday, January 12:

1:37 p.m.: A white 2014 Mercedes ML350W was involved in a hit and run with an older model minivan driven by a white male operator. The incident occurred at Rt. 125 and Ballardvale Street and the minivan fled northbound on 125 towards Andover.

2:47 p.m.: An unknown male party called stating he had set a campfire at the town field on Main Street, but was unsure if he had put it out. The caller disconnected without providing additional information. The fire was extinguished before arrival.

3:32 p.m.: A gray 2003 Jeep Liberty and a gray 2016 Ford Transit were involved in a two-vehicle crash on Lowell Street with no injuries and no airbag deployment. The vehicles were towed.

10:45 p.m.: A gray 2000 BMW SE540 was involved in a motor vehicle crash with a deer on Salem Street. The caller reported the deer's back legs appear to be broken.

Wednesday, January 13:

7:14 a.m.: John M. Hodg-

son, 3 Grove Ave., was apprehended and summonsed for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He was transported back to his residence while his car was towed.

7:38 a.m.: Marialisa Barone, 27 Winford Way, Medford, was arrested for two warrants, uninsured motor vehicle, and failure to wear a seat belt while Alex M. Gaudette, 4 Magnolia Ct., Apt #3, Everett, was arrested for operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to wear a seat belt. The arrests occurred on Glen Road during a motor vehicle stop. Both were taken to the station while the vehicle was towed.

Thursday, January 14:

11:34 a.m.: Police responded to parking enforcement issues at the plazas. An officer spoke to the manager of Advanced Auto regarding unattended vehicles parked in the fire lane to load and unload. The officer also had a vehicle move from the fire lane in front of Panera.

3:02 p.m.: A resident on Marion Street called to report that while reviewing Ring videos, he noticed a male party standing behind his vehicles for four to five minutes late last Saturday evening. The caller wanted to log the incident.

6:08 p.m.: A woman walked in to report that she had been in Target, then went to an address in Methuen when she noticed her black Torre handbag was missing. She was unsure of where she lost it and was told a log entry would be made.

9:41 p.m.: Lucas DeFreitas, 81 McDonald Road, was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. The black 2013 Chevy Cruze SE had its plates taken at Salem Street and McDonald Road and was towed back to the residence.

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## Wilmington High Athletics put on pause ... again

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WILMINGTON -- On Saturday night, Wilmington Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand announced that Wilmington High as well as the North Intermediate and Woburn Street Schools would switch to remote learning for the period of Tuesday, January 19th to Friday, January 29th.

"We now have almost thirty new positive cases (of COVID-19) in the District and Wilmington is experiencing for the first time in reality that our total new positive case count is greater for the community's youth as compared to adult cases," wrote Brand in the letter to the community.

About 12 hours after that letter was emailed to parents, another one surfaced from first-year WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio, who informed the public that high school athletics would be put on pause, also for a two week period.

"Due to the decision made to move to a fully remote model for the high school, our interscholastic winter athletics program will be suspended for two weeks starting on Sunday, January 17th and ending on Friday, January 29th. During this time there will not be any practices

or competitions. "Athletics may resume beginning on Saturday, January 30th. We cannot stress enough the important role that families must take to carefully

or anything like that. We know what's going on in the world, but for 15 or 16-year-old kids it has to be frustrating," said Ingram. "To me, the greatest thing in the world is to be part

classroom and we will post workouts for them, but that is tough. It is also the middle of January, so that is hard for the kids. I mean, how many baskets can you shoot outside?

sonally don't understand why athletics can't continue while in a remote learning model, as that's how the fall season started.

"If we had instances of

teams working together and building chemistry during the two week suspension, and hope we can resume activity on January 30th and reschedule the three games that fall in the two week suspension."

On Monday, a handful of Wilmington High students and student-athletes, along with some parents and members of the community, stood outside of WHS with signs, protesting the decision of both going remote and postponing sports and extra-curricular activities. Channel-4 news caught up with the protests, airing it on the evening news.

Late Tuesday, Dr. Brand issued a letter to the community. In regard to athletics being paused for two weeks he said, "As a Superintendent, I made the decision to temporarily suspend athletics during our transition to a fully remote learning model at the high school as it is a response currently recommended jointly by both the DESE and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) when a high school is operating remotely. It should be noted that the decision did not fall to either Ms. Peters (WHS Principal) or Ms. Muzio (WHS Athletic Director)."



On Monday, a small group of student-athletes and parents gathered together to protest the decision for the high school to go to remote learning for two weeks, which also put athletics on pause through January 29th. The group, which was recognized by Channel-4 news, posted signs up on the tennis courts, while holding signs as cars passed (courtesy photo).

monitor themselves for COVID-related symptoms and to get their student-athletes tested if there are any concerns about their health or that they may be positive," said Muzio in her letter.

The Town Crier spoke to Dennis Ingram and Jessica Robinson, the respective coaches of the WHS Boys and Girls Basketball teams and asked them about this decision.

"It's just extremely disappointing. That's not us pointing fingers at anyone

of a team. The camaraderie and the atmosphere of being with your team, there is just nothing better. So, for these kids to be shut down for a second time, it has to be hard to stay engaged.

"I feel really bad for the kids. They have been part of athletics their whole lives, with the goal of competing at the high school level, and now that is taken away from them. Again, we understand it, but it has to be tough for them.

"We will have a Google

But we will do the best we can to stay ready and hopefully start up again on January 30th."

Robinson also spoke about her disappointment and frustration.

"I am really disappointed in the decision to suspend athletics for two weeks. The girls in our basketball program have gone above and beyond the safety regulations put in place and have sacrificed so much outside of basketball to try and have a season without any more interruptions. I per-

team members spreading the virus within the team, I would completely understand the need to shut down, but that's just not the case. I just wish decision makers would put themselves in the student-athletes position, then maybe they'd realize what they're taking away from these kids.

"Regardless of me not agreeing with the decision, the goal over these two weeks is to stay positive, and keep moving forward. We are going to do what we can to keep the



Wilmington residents and longtime friends Danny Woods (left) and Ryan Barrett, were named to USPHL All-Stars and played together during the All-Star game held in Tampa on Monday. Woods scored two goals and added an assist and Barrett had two assists in the 7-3 winover the Mid-Atlantic All-Stars. (courtesy photo).

Danny Woods and Ryan Barrett

## Friends, former teammates, join together as All-Stars in Tampa

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TAMPA, FLA/WILMINGTON -- Over the last 10 to 15 years, high school hockey has changed significantly. With the explosion of Jr. Hockey, public and private schools lose and gain players year in and year out as those players feel that they play

against better competition, while getting better exposure as they look to advance to the collegiate level.

Wilmington, like any other local area school, has had its share of losing kids to Jr. Hockey, while a number of kids finished their four years with the Wildcats before journeying off to another level of

play. During the 2017-'18 season, then junior Danny Woods was electric for the Wildcats, especially in the state tournament. He scored all three goals in a win over Winthrop, finishing the season with 18 goals and 7 assists, which gave him 50 in his career.

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Wilmington resident stellar as Austin Prep Goalie

## On and off the ice, Hanafin a champion

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READING -- As the Austin Preparatory girl's hockey players skated through their paces at this time last year, most certainly on a glide path to a state championship title, little did they know that those dark clouds forming on the horizon would spell the end of their tournament hopes.

As February rolled toward March, the MIAA and Massachusetts health officials were hard at work drawing up plans to effectively bring high school athletics to a temporary end. For most sports, that decision would eliminate the 2020 playoff season. The COVID-19 virus, according to experts, was spreading rapidly and posed too much of a threat to student-athletes, as well as their support staff and

spectators.

For Austin Prep girl's hockey, the decision to scrap the postseason was heart-wrenching, especially following a clutch, come-from-behind 2-1 win over Braintree in the semifinals. That win would propel the No. 2-seed Cougars to the title game to face Woburn at the Boston Garden, a game that soon became another casualty of COVID-19. In the aftermath, Austin Prep and Woburn were named co-champions.

Backstopping the AP hockey campaign last season was seventeen-year-old goaltender Lauryn Hanafin who, as a sophomore, led her team to a phenomenal 20-1-2 finish and was named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic. Hanafin recalled receiving the crushing news that the Cougars' return to the tournament would be cur-

tailed.

"Obviously, we were all devastated and it took us a bit to absorb it," said Hanafin, who hails from Wilmington. "It was especially difficult for the seniors - Frankie (Frelick), Felecia (Zuccola), Eryn (Taber), Maddie (Rinklin), and the others. They had worked so hard to get there and to know that they wouldn't get that chance again and likely never put on a pair of skates again was upsetting. But we realized that we could only focus on the controllable and continued to support each other and lift each other up."

This winter, Hanafin and her teammates are once again back on the ice and competing, but in a condensed ten-game format. Thus far, AP has defeated Archbishop Williams and Bishop Fenwick, while tying St. Mary's. In the

HANAFIN B9W



Wilmington resident Lauryn Hanafin is back between the pipes this year as the Austin Prep girls' hockey team's goalie. Last year as a sophomore, she led the Cougars to the state championship game, while being named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic. (courtesy photo).



# 'Cats show resiliency, sneak past Wakefield

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WILMINGTON - Despite losing their first two games of the season, the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team had already shown themselves to be a resilient group. Whether it was battling back from a large deficit in one game or overcoming the absence of their coach and star player to hang tough with a quality opponent in the other, the Wildcats had proven that they would fight to the end regardless of the circumstances.

That resiliency proved to be a big factor again last Saturday afternoon when the Wildcats hosted Middlesex Freedom Division rival Wakefield at an empty Lawrence H. Cushing Memorial Gymnasium. This time it resulted in the first win of the season for the Wildcats, who downed the Warriors by a score of 38-32 to improve to 1-2 on the season.

The Wildcats overcame stretches of cold shooting by putting together a stellar defensive effort, particularly in the fourth quarter when they limited Wakefield to just two points, including none over the final five minutes, to pull out the victory.

Wilmington was led by an outstanding all-around effort by senior captain Kylie DuCharme, who had 15 points, 13 rebounds and four steals, while fellow senior captain Jenna Sweeney had eight points and five rebounds and sophomore Jess Collins had seven points and eight rebounds.

"I feel like the first win is always the hardest, so I was glad we were able to pull this one out with a strong defensive stand in the fourth quarter," Wilmington coach Jessica Robinson said. "This is a mentally tough, resilient team. They are not going to fold to anyone. They are going to leave everything they have on the floor every game. As a

coach that's one of the attributes you love to have in a team."

The Wildcats trailed 22-20 at the half and 30-28 at the end of the third quarter. Both teams struggled to find their offense in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter with Wakefield finally breaking the ice with a bucket with 5:05 left in the game to extend their lead to 32-28. It would be the last time the Warriors would score. Moments later, just out of a timeout, DuCharme brought the Wildcats within one with a three-pointer with 4:35 left in the game to make the score 32-31. Shortly thereafter, DuCharme would come up with another big play, putting back a rebound and hitting the ensuing free throw to give the Wildcats a 34-32 lead with 2:43 left in the game.

Wakefield was still very much in the game, however, and a minute later, with the shot clock winding down, they looked poised to make a key defensive stop on the Wildcats. That was until Sweeney stepped up and nailed a clutch three-pointer with just two seconds left on the shot clock to make the score 37-32 with 1:42 left in the game.

"Big time players make big time plays," Robinson said of her two co-captains stepping up down the stretch. "And they are our two hardest workers as well, so I am glad it translates into something for them as well. It shows that when you work hard, good things happen."

Wilmington continued to clamp down on defense from there to close out the victory.

The tough defense wasn't anything new for the Wildcats, as they had done a good job of shutting down Wakefield for most of the game, particularly in the first quarter when they had limited the Warriors to just six points on their way to a 12-6 lead at the end of the first eight minutes. Senior Kiara Nadeau scored four points in that opening frame,

including the first basket of the game, and Collins had also chipped in with a three-pointer to help the Wildcats cause.

Wakefield would fight back however, in a well played second quarter by both teams, tying the game at 12-12 with 5:39 left before Collins game Wilmington the lead right back moments later with a short jumper. The Wildcats still led 18-14 with 3:45 left in the half when DuCharme came up with a steal in the defensive zone and then raced the length of the court for a layup.

Wakefield scored the next six points, however, to take a 20-18 lead before DuCharme finally broke the run to tie the game at 20-20 with 1:03 left in the half. A basket by Wakefield in the final minute gave the Warriors a 22-20 advantage at the break.

Wakefield extended the lead to 24-20 early in the third quarter, but the Wildcats would score the next eight points, capping the run on a steal and hoop by Collins with 5:15 left in the quarter to give Wilmington a 28-24 lead. Wakefield however, would hold the Wildcats without a point for the remainder of the quarter, and went to the fourth holding a 30-28 lead, setting up the dramatic final eight minutes.

After the game, anticipating a rematch with Wakefield on Monday, Robinson commented on what she was looking for from her team going forward, unaware of course, that just hours later the season would be put on hold for the next two weeks.

"I would like us to be a little more fluid offensively obviously," Robinson said. "Defensively, I felt like we made a few mistakes, where we had poor rotation, but we played well. We are a really athletic team and we want to play into that, so every game we get a little closer to where we want it to be."



Above, Wilmington's Olivia Spizucco charges out of the zone controlling the ball with Alexa Kelly behind and below, Jenna Sweeney looks to move the ball all during the Wildcats' earlier season home game against Burlington.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Warriors defeat Wilmington Boys team

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WAKEFIELD - A slow start doomed the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team on Saturday morning as they suffered an 83-54 road loss to Middlesex Freedom Division rival Wakefield, dropping their record on the season to 0-3.

In reality, a slow start might not accurately describe what happened to the Wildcats on Saturday, because in the opening couple of minutes of the game they actually got off to a great start, taking a 6-2 lead with five minutes left in the first quarter as they looked ready to give the talented Warriors a challenge.

But it was not to be, however, as Wakefield dominated play from there, scoring the final 17 points of the quarter to lead 19-6 at the end of one and never looked back from there.

"We came out on fire to take that 6-2 lead," Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram said. "We had a great tempo and great ball movement and were looking good. But they

went on a run and we started to struggle a little bit on offense."

The Wildcats did bounce back with a strong second quarter. Led by the efforts of Tommy Mallinson, Will Doucette and Jimmy McCarron, Wilmington actually outscored the Warriors 18-16 in the frame to stay within 35-24 at the half.

"We played well in the second quarter and we hung around a little bit, but we just couldn't quite get back in the game," Ingram said.

A strong third quarter for the Wildcats may have made this one very interesting, but instead it was the Warriors who came out firing after the half, outscoring Wilmington 31-13 over the next eight minutes to take a 65-37 lead at the end of three and end any hopes of a Wildcat comeback.

Wilmington did fight to the finish however, being outscored just 18-17 in the fourth quarter, but in the end, it simply wasn't enough to overcome the dominant first and third quarter efforts by the Warriors. Still, Ingram tried to see the silver lining in his team's lopsided defeat.

"We had a tough day shooting the ball," Ingram said. "We shot only twenty percent from the field and they (Wakefield) shot forty eight percent. So, for us to be hanging in with them into the third quarter the way we did was a credit to our kids. The effort is definitely there, but the shots just weren't going in."

Another encouraging sign for the Wildcats were the efforts of Mallinson, McCarron and Doucette.

Mallinson led the way with 17 points, five assists, five steals and five rebounds, while Doucette had a season high 12 points and McCarron chipped in with eight.

Ingram was especially pleased to see Doucette come up with a strong performance.

"That was nice to see," Ingram said. "He played twenty-four minutes and he played very well. We have seen it in spurts, but this game was the first time we had seen it so consistently and we think he can continue that. Will is a hard worker and he fits well with what we are trying to do."

Despite the loss, the Ingram and the Wildcat refuse to be discouraged by their slow start to the season. After the game, at the time not knowing that the season would be put on hold for two weeks, Ingram had spoken with his team about what they needed to do going forward, starting with what they thought would be a Monday rematch with Wakefield.

"We talked to the guys after the game, and I told them I felt we were so close to putting this together," Ingram said. "And talking to the captains, they said that it feels different this year. The practices are going great and they feel like it is a different team this year. They felt like it was very close to coming together. We left the gym feeling like we were going to beat Wakefield on Monday."

## Little League gearing up for season

Newly named Wilmington Little League President Mike Tentindo issued a following release on the league's website about the upcoming season.

We are happy to say that we are putting the finishing touches on planning for the Spring 2021 Baseball and Softball season.

Registration is currently open at [www.wilmington-littleleague.org](http://www.wilmington-littleleague.org).

We realize that we are in very uncertain times, and the Covid-19 pandemic has made us all question the safety and the importance of everything we do. In Summer and Fall of 2020, despite all the uncertainty, Wilmington Little League was able to customize our programs to offer a fun, valuable, and safe playing

opportunity for our players. The feedback on the results we received on our 2020 programs was overwhelmingly positive.

Going forward into Spring 2021, we are very confident that we'll be able to once again offer fun, competitive, and safe programs for our players. We are lucky in that Softball and Baseball are relatively low risk sports. We are able to keep players, coaches, and umpires socially distanced for a majority of the time. Players are spaced out at least six feet apart while on the benches and while in the field. All fields are stocked with necessary PPE such as disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer. Also, there is no sharing of equipment, and baseballs and softballs are changed out often to minimize

touches.

We've recently created a COVID Officer role on the Board of Directors. Our COVID Officer, our VP's and our President are 100% committed to making sure we are in constant communication with our Wilmington Board of Health, our Wilmington School Officials and DPW, our State officials, as well as with Little League USA and USA Softball.

We appreciate that some families may not be quite ready to sign up for sports for Spring 2021. Therefore, we have extended the early registration discount for all Spring 2021 programs to February 14, 2021. It is our sincere hope that if you are undecided about registering, you'll reach out to us with any questions, at [wlpres@outlook.com](mailto:wlpres@outlook.com).

## CORRECTION

Due to an original team roster which was given to the Town Crier which since has had uniform number changes, in last week's story on the WHS Girls Hockey team, it should have read that Lily McKenzie had two assists in the team's tie with Burlington. There was also a photograph of Lily McKenzie which was misidentified as another player.



Part 5 of ongoing series:

# WHS Legendary Coaches: Georgia Dadoly

Several weeks ago, the Town Crier started a 15-part series on legendary coaches at both TMHS and WHS, while several from Shawsheen Tech will be included. In Wilmington, the series started with a story on Mark (and Al) Donovan and continued with stories on Evelyn Wells Carter, Mike Pimental and last week we featured Shawsheen Tech's Bill Ritchie.

Below is the another installment of the series on former WHS Hall of Fame Coach Georgia Dadoly.

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WILMINGTON - Over the last few weeks of this series, we have mentioned the fact that there's just 18 coaches in the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame with five being female including Wells-Carter, two very close friends and longtime coaching partners Jan Cassidy-Wood and Jan Urquhart, and then two other longtime friends, Alice McCarthy and Georgia Dadoly.

Wells-Carter was the first female basketball coach at WHS, which included coaching the undefeated team from 1939. After going through several coaches including Joyce York, Larry Cushing and Mary Welling, McCarthy held the position from 1956-1961 before Dadoly came on from 1961-1980. She was the fifth coach - with ten who followed including the late Doug Anderson, Doreen Thibeault, Sue Rowe, Hall of Famer Jim Tildsley, Beth Livermore, Bob Gillis, Al Duffet, Jay Keane, Brie Karow and

the present coach Jess Robinson - and Dadoly is the longest tenured coach in program history, lasting 20 years.

Dadoly was one of nine children and she grew up in Dracut, Mass. She graduated from DHS and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from Lowell Technical Institute (now UMass-Lowell) and then earned a Master's Degree from WPI, as well as other advanced degrees from both RPI and Tufts University.

She taught at WHS from 1961 until the early 1990s before she spent the next ten years teaching at the American Community School in Athens, Greece. When she retired, she moved back to America, and resided in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine. She was also the co-founder of the 'Tennis Anyone' program in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Dadoly also taught tennis at WHS, starting both teams up from scratch as a co-ed program before each moved on its separate ways. While she was so instrumental in getting that sport off the ground, she really put a stamp on the girls basketball program, winning league championship titles in back-to-back years, first in the final season of the Lowell Suburban League and then in the debut season of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The 1964-'65 team finished 16-0, were crowned the Lowell Suburban League Champions. The team finished with a 14-0 record against league and non-league opponents and two additional wins over the Alumni and the League All-Stars. The 1966 team finished 11-2 overall and were crowned

the Merrimack Valley Conference champions.

During her time as head coach, Dadoly coached eight Hall of Fame Athletes including Joan Cushing Buckley, Patty Pintrich Sughrue, Tammy Oliveira Lacroy, Joan Bellissimo, Sheila Burns, Carlene Butler James, Janet Zambarnardi, Ann Gillis Chlepas.

A former captain MaryAnn (Langone) Gillis said that she enjoyed playing for Dadoly.

"I remember coach Dadoly as a strict coach. She was tough but fair. We had a lot of fun."

In 2003, Dadoly - who passed away in December of 2017 - was inducted into the Hall of Fame and below is her write-up:

In 1961, Georgia came to Wilmington High School from her position as research chemist for General Mills Corp. She taught match, chemistry and physics during her teaching career at Wilmington.

The year of her arrival marked the year of her coaching debut. Georgia coached varsity basketball from 1961-1979. During this time women's basketball went through many transitions. In the early 1960s, they played 3-vs-3 on each side of the center line. From 1962-1969, the women played with two rovers on each team setting up a 4-on-4 situation at each end. By the early 1970s, the women were playing full court 5-vs-5 basketball.

Georgia's major basketball accomplishments include the only Merrimack Valley Conference girls basketball championship title since the league developed in 1964. She also coached



The late Georgia Dadoly, a WHS Hall of Fame Coach, led the girls' basketball team to its first two league championship seasons, including an undefeated mark in 1965. (yearbook photo).

the only female basketball player to receive scholarship money to play collegiate basketball. Both a tribute to her knowledge of the game and her coaching expertise.

Georgia Dadoly was an advocate of activity for all youth. She spent the off-season helping with the intramural programs of gymnastics, volleyball, softball and tennis.

In the early 1970s, Georgia volunteered her time to begin a co-ed tennis program. Within a few years, this program developed into our Varsity Boy's and Girl's Tennis teams. She continued to coach the varsity girl's tennis team until 1981.

Georgia is currently teaching chemistry at the International School in Athens, Greece. This year she was appointed varsity basketball coach and will



Georgia Dadoly in her first year as a science and math teacher at WHS in 1961. (Yearbook Photo).

travel to Paris for their first major tournament.

Looking back at the best winter sports teams in WHS History

## 1965 Girls Basketball team finished undefeated, league champs

During the fall season, the Town Crier went back through the archives and republished or wrote our own story through research on former Wilmington High School teams that either won league titles (before state tournament play) or had long, successful state tournament runs.

Starting this week, we're

going to do the same thing except with the winter sports teams. This week we start the series off featuring the 1964-'65 WHS Girls Basketball team, which was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012.

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three of its top players returning from the 1963-'64 season, the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team had a veteran club heading into the following season of 64-'65, the last as a member of the Lowell Suburban League. The Wildcats became the second team in program history and first since 1939

according to the Lowell Sun, to go undefeated at 16-0 and win the league championship. No other Wilmington team has gone undefeated since.

Wilmington had 14 wins against league and non-league opponents, and on top of that beat the Alumni and the League All-Stars, to polish off the 16-0 mark.

For the non-league wins, the Wildcats defeated: Lynnfield (36-29), Bedford (38-30), Andover (42-15), North Reading (35-18), North Andover (34-31), Dracut (50-30) and Tewksbury (33-31). For league wins, Wilmington defeated: Chelmsford (40-20), Burlington (49-18), Billerica (49-46), Methuen (64-43), North Andover (54-25), Dracut (46-27) and Tewksbury (35-32).

Below is the write-up of the team went the group was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame:

The 1965 Wilmington High School Girls Basketball team accomplished something that no other basketball team has done. They went undefeated (16-0). This 'team' in the true sense of the word played a 16-game schedule including seven games in the Lowell Suburban League and never lost.

It was the Winter of 1965 and the main topic of conversation in the halls of WHS was that the boys hockey team was about to enter a new 'era' in hockey with the emergence of the newly created Merrimack Valley League!

In the gym, however, Coach Georgia Dadoly was assembling a group of highly talented female basketball players. It was a team led by captain Lucille Huston and seniors Maria Ferrara, and Nancy Hall along with talented juniors Sally Brunelle, Sandy Burns, Tana Fairfield, Nancy Farrell, Sharon Justice, Jane Kroll, Paula MacDonald and Ginny Schena.

This fabulous squad 'burned' up the court with an amazing exhibition of offense and defense outscoring their opponents with a league average of 46 points per game to their opponents 30 points. Top games included a win over Billerica 49-46 and a win over Tewksbury 35-32 to remain undefeated!

To give you an idea of how quickly women's

sports were emerging... prior to 1965 women played 6v6 with three guards and three forwards and a limited number of dribbles. By 1956 the three second lane violation was established and by 1962 each team was allowed two players to 'roam' the court and steal the ball!

This was the game the 1965 team would 'perfect' and go on to win the league. The defensive end of the court was strongly guarded by Lucille Huston, Nancy Hall and Tana Fairfield while the 'rovers' and offensive players were led by Maria Ferrara and high scorers Sandy Burns (218 points) and Sharon Justice (126 points).

According to their Coach Georgia Dadoly "their ability to play as a team, not as individual stars, contributed to their great success".

Within six years (1971) girls basketball became a five-player full-court game and the 30 second shot clock became official. By 1972 Title IX provided equal opportunities to female athletes leading the way for future generations.

Congratulations to the 1965 WHS girls basketball team for your unbelievable achievements, your commitment to the game of basketball, and more importantly for setting the standard of 'excellence' for future generations of student-athletes."

When the team was inducted, ten members were present for the special moment including: Virginia Schena Alden, Sharon Justice Schena, Tana Fairfield Lilienthal, Lillian McLaughlin Lehman, Nancy Hall Bull, Nancy Farrell Leverone, Jane Kroll Manuel, Maria Ferrara Ferrandini, Sandy Burns Martin and Lucille Huston.



Team: Manager M. Harding; N. Farrell, S. Brunelle, S. Justice, T. Fairfield, N. Hall, Captain, L. Huston; S. Burns, J. Kroll, V. Schena, M. Ferrara, P. MacDonald, assist. manager, L. McLaughlin.

The 1965 WHS Girls Basketball team finished undefeated at 16-0 and won a league championship title. Above is a team picture from the 1965 WHS Yearbook and below back in 2012, the team was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame. Ten members of the team, made it to the induction ceremony including: from left, Virginia Schena Alden, Sharon Justice Schena, Tana Fairfield Lilienthal, Lillian McLaughlin Lehman, Nancy Hall Bull, Nancy Farrell Leverone, Jane Kroll Manuel, Maria Ferrara Ferrandini, Sandy Burns Martin and Lucille Huston.

(file photo/Maureen Brady).







The WHS/North Reading Co-Op Girls and Boys swim teams took on Hamilton-Wenham last Thursday night at the Burbank YMCA Pool in Reading and above left Olivia Roya, and above right Jameson Burns, both of Wilmington, gave it their all helping their respective teams in the virtual meet. (photos by Bob DeChiara).

## In the pool, Wild Hornets sweep; Girls now 2-0 and Boys 1-1

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The North Reading/Wilmington Wild Hornets co-op swim team faced off against Hamilton-Wenham on January 14th in their second meet of the season.

Both the Boys and Girls teams were victorious, as the Girls won 103-68, and the Boys team won 83-46. This makes the Girls record 2-0, and the Boys record 1-1.

Starting with the girls results, the relay teams took second and third in the 200-yard medley relay, as Lindsey Kane, Lauren Feffer, Brianna Saunders-Correa, and Nicole Steinmeyer took second place swimming a 2:15.37, and Maddie Koenig, Captain Kristina Valenti, Wilmington's Kyla Kelley, and Melanie Feffer took third place with a time of 2:28.06.

In the 200-yard freestyle, captain Emma Ryan of Wilmington swam a 2:15.31 to claim first place, and captain Oli Grabar came in second with a time of 2:23.12.

Captain Valenti came in second place as she swam the 200-yard IM in 2:27.51.

The girls took first, second, and third place in the 50-yard freestyle, as Melanie Feffer swam a 28.49, Nicole Steinmeyer swam a 28.90, and Brianna Saunders-Correa swam a 29.26.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Kelley took first place with a 1:01.99, and Grabar came in second with a 1:11.61.

The girls again proved their strength in the 100-yard freestyle, claiming first, second, and third as Maddie Koenig swam a 1:01.74, Ryan swam a 1:02.79, and Melanie Feffer swam a 1:05.99.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Nicole Steinmeyer came in second place swimming a 6:34.62, and Brianna Saunders-Correa took

third with a time of 6:54.88.

The girls relay teams in the 200-yard freestyle relay managed to claim first and fourth place, as Melanie Feffer, alongside Grabar, Ryan, and Valenti, swam an impressive 1:56.46. In fourth,

In their final race of the night, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the girls claimed first and third place, a strong showing, with Grabar, Ryan, Koenig, and Kelley swam a 4:10.06, and Nicole Steinmeyer, Lindsey Kane, Brianna Saunders-

the meet, as this was their first win of the season, scoring 83 points against Hamilton-Wenham's 46.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Wilmington's Dylan Tran and captain Jared Benoit and Ethan Ryan, along with captain Henry Pelmas, took first place

Benoit took first place as he swam a 27.6, and Burns took fourth with a 35.05.

Dat Tran took first in the 100-yard butterfly, as he swam a 1:10.21.

In the 100-yard freestyle, the boys team claimed first and second place, as Pelmas swam a 1:01.95,

Dylan Tran, Burns, Samaha, and Benoit took second, swimming a 6:28.17.

Following the boys first victory of the season, Coach Sue Hunter said "I'm excited to see the girls starting off their season with two wins in a



Several weeks ago we published the first of two pictures involving all of the Wilmington High Athletes who are members of this year's Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Boys and Girls Swim team. Above is the second group of swimmers including from left, Shae Fitzgerald, Lindsey Kane, Julia Kane, Avis Samaha, Nicolas Samaha, Kyla Kelly and Jameson Burns. Missing from photo: Anna Germano and Dat Tran. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wilmington's Shae Fitzgerald, Elise Higgins, Wilmington's Rachel Repucci, and Erin Davis finished with a 2:31.96.

The 100-yard backstroke showed the girls strength again, as they claimed first, second, and fourth place with Kelley finishing at 1:02.12, Koenig swimming a 1:08.41, and Wilmington's Lindsey Kane swimming a 1:20.51.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, the girls team claimed second and third place, with Valenti swimming a 1:17.15, and Lauren Feffer swimming a 1:28.51.

Correa, and Schladenhauffen swam a 4:45.87.

The girls team proved their strength, expecting intense competition from the Hamilton-Wenham team while still proving their dominance as they finished 103-68. As they have now won their first two meets, the girls feel confident about the strong start to their season, and hope that they can continue with this momentum leading up to the Cape Ann League meet in early February.

The boys were also pleased with the results of

with a time of 2:13.74.

The team also claimed first, second, and third in the 200-yard freestyle, with Tyler Sheehan swimming a 2:48.60, Jameson Burns finishing at 3:23.5, and Nick Samaha swimming a 3:55.10. All three swimmers reside in Wilmington.

The boys continued their strong start to the meet with the 200-yard individual medley, as Wilmington's Ethan Ryan swam a 2:18.50 to take first place, and Wilmington's Dat Tran swam a 2:42.05 for third.

In the 50-yard freestyle,

and Sheehan swam a 1:10.60.

In the second relay of the night, the 200-yard freestyle relay, Burns, Nick Samaha, Sheehan, and Dat Tran swam a 2:23.61 for second place.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Dylan Tran swam a 1:43, earning himself second place in the event. Ethan Ryan took first in the 100-yard breaststroke as he swam a 1:07.42.

In the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Pelmas, Sheehan, Dat Tran, and Ethan Ryan took first, swimming a 4:23.21, and

row, and glad the boys swam well too. I look forward to seeing how the rest of the season unfolds."

The next meet of the season will be on January 21st against Manchester Essex, however, following the disappointing news that all Wilmington athletics will be shut down until January 30th as a result of rising COVID-19 case numbers, only North Reading swimmers will be allowed to compete.

## Athletic Director Mia Muzio reviews fall season before SC members

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Wilmington High School Athletic Director Mia Muzio gave a review of the 2020 fall season for the School Committee during their meeting last Wednesday night. This past fall, Wilmington offered soccer, field hockey, cross country, and golf. They also offered a new option, strength and conditioning, to all student athletes.

Some of the extra limitations that all of these sports had to meet because of COVID-19 protocols within the state and Middlesex League included playing only within the same division and playing the same school for two weeks. Muzio said that some sports couldn't have all three teams (freshman, junior varsity, and varsity), but all teams were able to practice 2-3 times per week. In order to get up to six games in,

they played games on Saturdays and holidays.

Overall, she reported that participation was great. She said that they had more than 50 field hockey and soccer players and 33 students in the strength and conditioning program. Other highlights included girls cross country star Addyson Hunt beating the 3.2-mile course record and the girls soccer team tying for first place in the division.

Muzio's review covered all of Wilmington's League or Team All Stars by name. The all-stars for boys soccer were Aidan McGrath, Justin Healey, and Patrick O'Mahony. Girls soccer all stars were Amber Flynn, Audrey Curdo, Alyssa Granara, and Jenna Sweeney. The field hockey all-stars were Annabelle Kane, Chase Andersen, and Ida Bishop. Sean Riley was the boys cross country all-star. Girls cross country all stars were Hunt, Olivia

Erler, and Katherine McLaughlin.

Muzio also mentioned initiatives that she has been working on, including handbooks for both athletics and coaches, a concussion policy, and an emergency action plan. She's also focusing on the Booster Club in order to find solutions to their lack of alignment and coherency in funding and planning. She said she wants to make a committee that would examine the booster clubs of other districts and give recommendations for changes.

M. J. Byrnes asked how the Athletic Department can become more self-sufficient. Muzio answered with an example of uniforms. She explained how she wants to reinvent the uniform situation, starting with an inventory of what they have and what needs improvement. She said she'd like to be in a place where the budget accounts for all the uniforms.

Byrnes went on to ask about how the Booster Club works.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand said that the club is necessary to keep the district from user fees for student athletes. However, he said there are unclear guidelines of what the club will fund and how that intersects with the Athletic Department budget. That's why, Muzio added, they want to look at other town's booster clubs and how to raise money creatively and equitably.

Jay Samaha asked if the booster club could help the district phase out the user fee for the swim team, which is somewhat large, and Muzio said that would be her goal.

The committee took this opportunity to revisit the spectator issue that came up at the start of the winter season, where the Middlesex League agreed as a whole that no spectators would be allowed at games. Muzio said that

nothing had been decided for the upcoming 'Fall 2' season with regard to spectators.

Brand explained that there may be an update for the winter season after the Middlesex League's superintendent and athletic directors meeting later that week, but as of that time no changes had been made to their decision.

Regarding an athletic handbook, David Ragsdale wondered where the current rules stood. "There are no established guidelines or policies written down," Muzio answered. She said the handbook would be helpful for all of the frequently asked parent questions that she gets.

Ragsdale also shared his support for establishing written guidelines and asked if there was a procedure for adding new sports. Muzio said that she has all of the documentation that former Athletic Director Ed

Harrison had made, but she has yet to review it.

Byrnes brought up co-op programs, which Wilmington has with swimming pairing up with North Reading. The athletic director explained that it takes a lot of research to keep students from going too far and to find a team with open spots.

Several committee members thanked Muzio for her report. "I appreciate the work that you, coaches, and students did to have a season," said Jesse Fennelly.

Jenn Bryson said that students felt safe and caregivers felt informed over the course of the fall season. Muzio especially thanked WCTV for making live games available for parents and spectators to watch at home.



# Friends, former teammates, join together as USPHL All-Stars in Tampa

FROM B5W

He left after that season and joined the Northern Cyclones of the USPHL (United States Premier Hockey League).

One of Danny's teammates on the Wilmington team was then sophomore Ryan Barrett. He ended up playing all four with the 'Cats and was known for his speed and ability to find the back of the net. After he graduated, he too went to same league, suiting up for the Islanders.

Fast forward to this past weekend, the two longtime friends and former teammates were able to play together again as they were both named to the USPHL All-Star team representing the New England Team American who defeated the Mid-Atlantic Division Team National, 7-3, in a game played Sunday in Tampa, Florida.

In the win, Barrett collected two assists and Woods finished with two goals and one assist.

"The experience is crazy. We're in a bubble with thirty teams in the league who are from all around the country," said Barrett. "Don't get me wrong, I think our team is the best one down here. We have a very good team, but the experience is crazy. I was able to get into the (all-star game's) starting line-up with a bunch of my teammates. We have six guys from our team in the (all-star team) line-up and our team won (7-3). I got to play with Danny Woods and that was so much fun.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime down here. The whole resort is for us, so we're just down here to play hockey and it's just crazy. We wake up everyday and just do it and I think we have twenty more games down here."

For Barrett, it seems or it's a case where the experience with the Islanders has helped him grow immensely both on and off the ice. This is his second season with the program, and he is this year's team captain.

"I was recruited by the Islanders after my senior year of high school. They told me to come to the camp to try out (and I made the team)," said Barrett. "I played for them last year as a rookie and I wasn't expecting to play as much as I did, but in my first game I scored two goals and it just went

on from there. I'm the captain of the team this year and we're just rolling right now. We're one of the top teams around.

"It's my first time being a captain and having that leadership role. I never had in high school and I thought I could have, but I'm loving it and it's taught me so much. The boys look up to me and I treat them like they're my own kids. It's awesome. They all love me and I love all of them to death. It just helps your team so much when you are so close on and off the ice. I love being a captain. I'm not stuck up, I'm not cocky, I just go out there and play and they love that from me. It's crazy how much I have matured

team has about 20 games left in Tampa and then the playoffs. Once the season is completed, he will have a big decision to make.

"I didn't have any looks (from colleges when I was in high school) and I knew that I had to go play juniors if I wanted to play (at that level)," he said. "Some people may think you can go right to college from a program like Wilmington, but you can't unless you are a stud. Division 3 college hockey is amazing and so many great players. I'm getting a lot of looks this year and have been talking to a lot of (Division 3) coaches. I've been loving the looks that I've been getting. I haven't made a commitment yet. I have no idea



Wilmington resident Ryan Barrett, celebrating with a teammate after a goal, is in his second season with the Islanders of the USPHL (courtesy photo).

have a great college career with what ever school he decides that he wants to attend."

Barrett's longtime pal, Woods will be completing his third and final year if Juniors and said that he is

level. In 17 games, he has six goals and 12 assists, and then on he added two goals and an assist in the All-Star game. His first goal, which made the score 5-3 at the time, came when he took the puck on the left wing, skated into the offensive zone on a 2-on-2 and after his first shot to the net was blocked, he picked up the loose puck and fired it through a hole to the low left hand corner. He added his second goal later on and that tally ended the game's scoring.

"It was a great experience playing in an All-Star game and coming down to Florida and having a friend from my hometown playing alongside with me," he said. "It was just such a great experience meeting a lot of different people from all of the different teams."

Woods was asked about his decision to forgo his senior year of high school to go to the Cyclones, and admitted that it wasn't easy.

"At first it was a little hard, leaving all of my friends and teammates from back home but the Cyclones were very welcoming and made me feel right where I needed to be," he said. "They brought me in with open arms and I have been able to meet a lot of great people, especially the coaching staff who are just great people to know and they helped me progress in the sport and get me to where I need to be at."

"The coaches have helped me become a better player on and off the ice, be a better leader and role model so you feel like you are part of one big family."

"(Playing for Coach Bill Weiland) has been great. I played for his summer team and same exact thing where it felt good being a part of the team

and playing for him. He's a good coach, a good role model and is just very welcoming."

Weiland said that indeed Woods has made the leap of going from a very good high school player to possibly and hopefully soon, landing a spot at the collegiate level.

"Danny is a great player for us," said Weiland. "He has a knack for scoring. Danny has been producing for us all season and he has produced at every level he has played. He is a dynamic offensive player and we really enjoy having him in a Cyclones uniform. He is currently producing at a level that will give him the opportunity to get his college commitment."

In several weeks the Islanders and Cyclones will meet each other in a regular season game. That will pit Barrett and Woods against each other, but Barrett said that despite all of the teams being rivals, all of the hockey players are friendly and respectful to one another. Until the day comes when the friends face off against one another, they'll enjoy this all-star game and experience together.

"It was great playing with Ryan," said Woods. "It brought me back to high school years and playing with one of my friends who I grew up with. It was so surreal playing with him again. He's putting up points and doing his thing and I'm doing my own thing. We're just trying to help our own teams."

Said Barrett, "I always love playing with Moose. I wasn't able to play with him during my senior year of high school but it was so much fun playing with him yesterday. He's picked up his speed and has turned into a really good player."



Wilmington resident Danny Woods is in his third and final season playing for the Northern Cyclones of the USPHL. This past weekend he scored two goals in the league's all-star game. (courtesy photo).

the last few years. I'm pretty sure those people who really know me would attest to that."

While he admitted that he has matured as a person, he said that he also had to mature on the ice, which seems to have elevated his overall play.

"I've really worked on my defensive zone play. I was so offensive minded in high school and since then I knew that I had to work on the defensive part of my game and I really have worked on it," he said. "Being a center, I depended on being back there, low in the zone. I have really worked on that and feel like I have grown into a strong all-around player."

Through 19 games this year, Barrett has 11 goals and 17 assists for the Islanders. He said that the

what's going to happen over the next year, where we'll be able to play and if I'm returning to the Islanders again or going to college, but that decision will be coming soon."

Islanders' head coach Tim Kyrkostas said that the addition of Barrett to his club has been a win-win situation.

"I absolutely love Ryan Barrett! He's a giant ball of pure ENERGY," said the coach. "He brings that energy to the ice each and everyday. He's a natural leader that his teammates just gravitate towards. He's been outstanding the last two seasons for the IHC. He makes so much happen on the ice with his hustle and his skills."

"He's got great hands and a great scoring touch. He's a player that every team needs. He's going to

narrowing his choices down to Framingham State, Fitchburg State and Salem State. He said before the season started, he had hopes of being a league all-star as well as having a better idea if and where his hockey journey would be next.

"My whole mindset from the beginning of the season was this was my last year playing in the USPHL so I wanted to make it my best one and so far it's been working out pretty good," he said. "I've been able to put up a lot of points, and my coach has been very reliable with me and I was able to get selected to the all-star game."

After putting up 50 points through three seasons of high school, Woods has continued to be an offensive player at this

# Lauryn Hanafin a champion on and off the ice

FROM B5W

Fenwick contest, Hanafin made 27 stops to lead the Cougars to a 3-1 win.

"We're playing just in-league, all Catholic Central games," Hanafin explained. "We'll face teams including Bishop Fenwick, Matignon, and we'll take on St. Mary's three times. It's disappointing that we won't get to go to a tournament but we'll certainly try to win our last game."

Hanafin and her teammates took that same attitude to the locker room between the second and third periods of last year's bout with Braintree. Trailing 1-0 and facing elimination, the headstrong Cougars set about the task of reversing their fortunes in the final fifteen minutes.

"We decided that wasn't going to be our last game," recalled Hanafin, who started skating at age five and has been goaltending since she was an eight-year-old. "Our team lost in the States the year before, so we really wanted to claim that win over Braintree and have another chance. We left everything on the ice and made it happen."

"Lauryn gave us her best performance of the year in that final game against Braintree," said Austin Prep head coach Stephanie Woods. "I think it was one of the best girls' hockey games seen in quite some time. With not an empty seat within O'Brien Arena, it shows how far the game has come."

Along with outstanding on-ice leadership, the AP coaching staff is one of the best in the region. Since joining the program in 2013, Woods has claimed the CCL title in four consecutive years, starting with 2017. Woods also led the Cougars to MIAA D1 championships in 2016 and 2020.

"It is unfortunate we will not have the opportunity to contend for a state championship this year due to the pandemic," said Woods. "I think we could have made another strong run to repeat again. We are setting our sights into next season, however."

"In all honesty, she is the best coach I've ever had," said Hanafin. "Not only does she have a wealth of experience and a play-book in running this team, but she's a grit-minded



person. She supports us and pushes us and has high expectations and as a result, we succeed. As a community, we work very hard and our coaches have been so supportive. I'm grateful to have them."

Prior to reaching the high school ranks, Hanafin perfected her trade as a member of the East Coast Wizards, Boston Junior Eagles, and

the Islanders Junior Hockey Club, a program that she continues to skate with regularly.

It seems that Hanafin's competitive pedigree extends to her family, including younger sister, Leah and father Stephen, who was a football and baseball player growing up in Wilmington. When this three-sport athlete isn't stopping pucks, she

partakes in both golf and lacrosse. And outside of organized sports, she bikes and occasionally climbs rocks with her sibling.

She also excels academically, earning a number of prestigious awards including the 2019 Kristen M. Corbett '08 Scholarship, which is bestowed on a student pursuing post graduate studies. Hanafin reached Honor Roll status in 2019/20 and was inducted into the National Honors Society last year.

This well-rounded student-athlete was also selected as a Green Key Ambassador which, according to the AP website, "is an invaluable connection between our admissions office and prospective families, serving as host and tour guide."

A brilliant future lies ahead for Hanafin, who is mature beyond her years. As she decides whether to pursue a career as either an investment banker or a neurologist, her success and winning attitude as a high school athlete will certainly carry over to any endeavor she chooses.

"I am a very ambitious individual," Hanafin understated. "I work very

hard at my academics so I can get into a good college, work toward a high GPA, gain volunteer experience and internships, and grow as a person. Whether it's in school or athletics, self-advocacy has always been a very important factor in my life. I try to be successful and content with what I accomplish."

When asked if one of those accomplishments was to win a state hockey title in 2021-22, Hanafin didn't hesitate.

"With this great group of girls that we have, I strongly believe that anything is possible."

Coach Woods readily agreed with her star athlete, who she describes as "one of the top goalies to come through our doors," and "the top goalie in the MIAA."

"No secret, our intent is to come right back next year during Lauryn's senior year and win another state championship," said Woods. "Our kids are developing a lot this year and have gotten a lot of ice time. We are essentially grooming them to get right back in contention for next year."



# Three MVC AD's discuss the challenges of a COVID season

Tewksbury's Ron Drouin, Central Catholic's Ernie DiFiore and Methuen's Matt Curran

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METHUEN - Typically during a non COVID-19 season (or year), high school athletic directors' work schedules are incredibly difficult, especially during the fall and winter seasons when there's night games. In the winter for example, in a typical week, most AD's leave their houses by 6 am or so and don't return until 10 or 11 at night and that can happen anywhere up to six days a week.

Ever since COVID-19, the typical day for athletic directors has now gone out the window. The professional lives of these individuals has completely been turned around going from meetings about the future of each program to virtual meetings on how to keep EVERYONE from school staff, to coaches and to kids safe during the pandemic, among a million other items they have to deal with.

On Saturday night in-between periods of the Tewksbury/Methuen vs Central Catholic girls' ice hockey game, the Town Crier sat down with three Merrimack Valley Conference Athletic Directors, including Tewksbury's Ron Drouin, Methuen's Matt Curran and Central Catholic's Ernie DiFiore. The three ADs discussed several different topics including the drastic changes in their jobs since COVID, but in

week on the boys side, but because on the girls side there's just five teams, they play but then have two days off and play another opponent. For us, we have to first reserve the ice time (for the boys and girls' home games).

"You can see when you walk in here that this (area in front of the closed off bleachers) is all cleared out (so players and staff can enter and exit the arena). The entry way is one way, the exit way is the other way. Each team has their own area that is separated. Obviously the (kids) and the officials have to wear masks. The officials have their temperatures taken before the game and the athletes have to have their temperatures taken before the game.

"Communication is such a key in all of this. We play Dracut (basketball and boys hockey) this week so I probably talked to (Dracut Athletic Director) Paula (Chausse) probably fifty times throughout the week. We are checking in with each other -- we talk about the live streaming, how are you doing it, who is doing it, cleaning protocols, bus times, when you're arriving, when you can't arrive, etc. She called me yesterday and said 'hey a guy is walking in with a camera but no credentials' and I said 'yup he's good. He's our yearbook guy and sorry I forgot to mention that'. Just stuff like that.

"After the boys game said that the members of the team traveled on their own and met at the rink, so no bus.

"We took everyone's temperature before they entered the arena. In a case like this when the team met here, before they stepped in the arena, we took everyone's temperature, coaches included. We just have to take all of the necessary steps," he said.

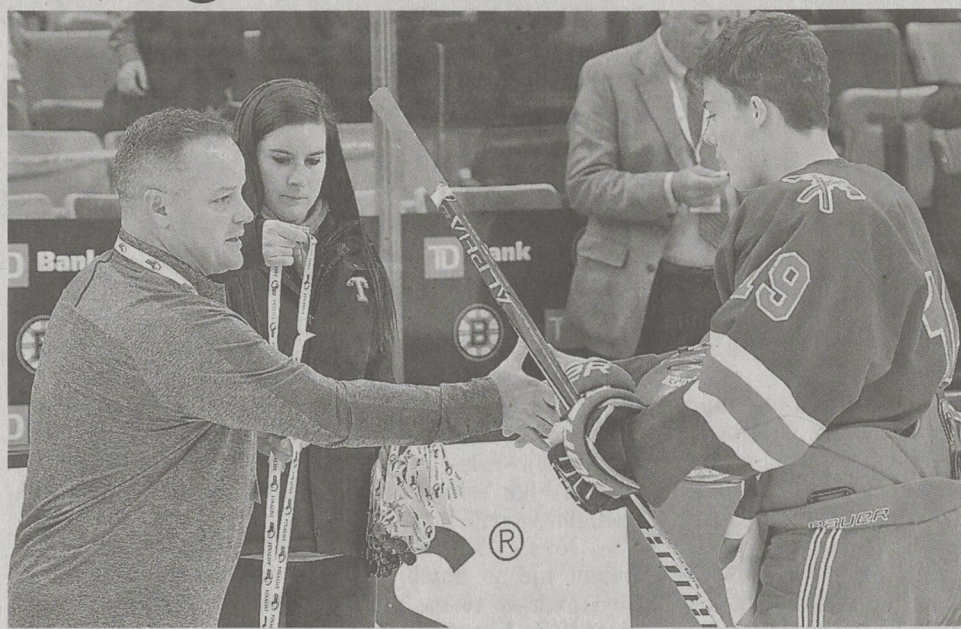
Certainly scheduling and travel arrangements are one thing, but the biggest issue is health -- keeping all rinks, gymnasiums and schools clean.

"I know in Tewksbury, they wanted me to get all of the protocols and cleaning products that (the league uses) outside of Tewksbury High," said Drouin. "I got in touch with Matt and he told me what they are using here. I then reached out to (TMHS Gymnastics coach) Jess Wilkey with Wilkey's Gymnastics and we also reached out to Breakaway (Ice Arena) with their protocols. I then sat down with our maintenance department and they are in charge with cleaning all of our buildings. They went over the sprayers that they had been using. Once our maintenance guys signed off saying they were comfortable with how the buildings were being cleaned. Then we decided to try to put together our plan and how we were going to maintain our building. We had to re-configure the entry way (into the TMHS gymnasium) so we can as many people out of the building and just try to contain everyone into the gym area. There's hand sanitizer everywhere and mask break areas everywhere.

"We took this idea from Ernie where every kid goes onto this app. There's five questions that they need to answer and all five answers have to be a 'no' in order to compete on that day, practice or a game. Any yes answer, which would then be a problem for the student-athlete, then triggers an email to Kelly Constantino, the lead nurse in the district. She'll check off the box at the bottom of the app that says the student-athlete can't report to practice (or game) that day. Kelly will then do a follow-up from there."

The next part of the equation is spectators, or in this case, the lack thereof. The Merrimack Valley Conference along with the Middlesex League and the Dual County League, all voted not to have any spectators at any of the winter games. In some towns that has been an extremely delicate issue -- in particular in towns like Wilmington, Chelmsford, North Andover and Reading.

"We're all parents. I get it, and I would want to see my children play too," said DiFiore. "The other side of that is the goal is



Ron Drouin is in his seventh year as the TMHS Athletic Director and by far this is his most challenging year due to COVID and all of the protocols and changes. (file photo).

to keep schools open. My daughter is a cheerleader here at Central and she hasn't been able to do anything. We get it and we all understand (where the parents are coming from). We want them here too, but we have to find a way to keep it safe."

Ever since the Middlesex League voted no spectators at games, the Wilmington parents in particular have dominated the social media sites with their disagreements, outrage and disappointment. The Middlesex League parents also started a petition. On Saturday night, Wilmington announced it was going remote learning for two weeks, and the following day, it was announced that high school sports would be put on pause for two weeks. That also happened in the fall due to an outside house party.

Certainly there were gripes made from MVC parents about not being able to attend live games but not from parents of Tewksbury, Central Catholic and Methuen.

"I'm telling you right now, I've gotten zero, zero phone calls and zero emails regarding parents not being allowed at games this winter season. Zero," said Drouin emphatically.

Added in Curran, "Same here. They will comment saying that it stinks that we can't be there, but at least (the kids) are playing. That's been the response that I have been getting."

With no spectators allowed, the MVC Athletic Directors came up with many innovative ways for people to watch the games. These options have been hugely popular. Last week over 2,000 people watched a Methuen High Basketball game and on Friday, DiFiore said there were 1,500 fans watching a hoop game live.

"If we are telling Mom and Dad that right now you can't come (to live games), it's important for us to give them as many options as possible for them to watch their children," said DiFiore. "So whether it's the LiveBarn at the hockey rinks or the NHS network that some of us have with the pixel cameras in the gym or out on the fields, or if you are running it through your Huddle Camera or a YouTube Channel or Facebook live, whatever it

is, we want to offer it."

Earlier that day, Drouin said that the TMHS Gymnastics Meet was livestreamed.

"Obviously everyone wants parents to be there. Clearly, everybody wants parents to be there," he said. "It's funny because it was Matt who said it to me earlier this week and he wasn't being fresh or condescending in any way, but he said 'you know COVID Athletics is great for the ultimate sports fan who wants to watch three or four games at the same time or throughout the night or whatever because everyone is livestreaming'. I know we have parents here in Tewksbury, who had their laptop watching one game and on their TV in the living room they are watching another game. You can watch multiple games and kids are getting great coverage.

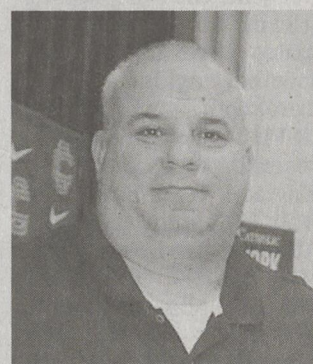
"People are going to know a lot more about each team because of the streaming options. Moving forward, that might be a pretty good idea. It might hurt live attendance, but moving forward, if we can still stream these events, that might be another way of getting additional coverage for the kids."

Besides the scheduling, cleaning, traveling and social media sites to watch games, the ADs also said that they went from virtually meeting once a month as a group to several times a week just in order to get this winter this season off the ground.

"We put together sort of a COVID checklist and it's been pretty good," said Drouin. "Ernie and I sit in during a weekly meeting with all of the league's superintendents. Ernie is the chairman and I'm the Vice Chair for the MVC when we sit in during these meetings and the superintendents have been great."

Added DiFiore, "The superintendents have been great, they really have. They really want these things to happen. They recognize the importance of it and they are very supportive of what the league's athletic directors are trying to do."

And what these Athletic Directors are trying to do is give their student-athletes a chance to play and most of all, do it while being as safe as humanly



Central Catholic AD Ernie DiFiore. (courtesy photo/Eagle Tribune).

possible during unprecedented times.

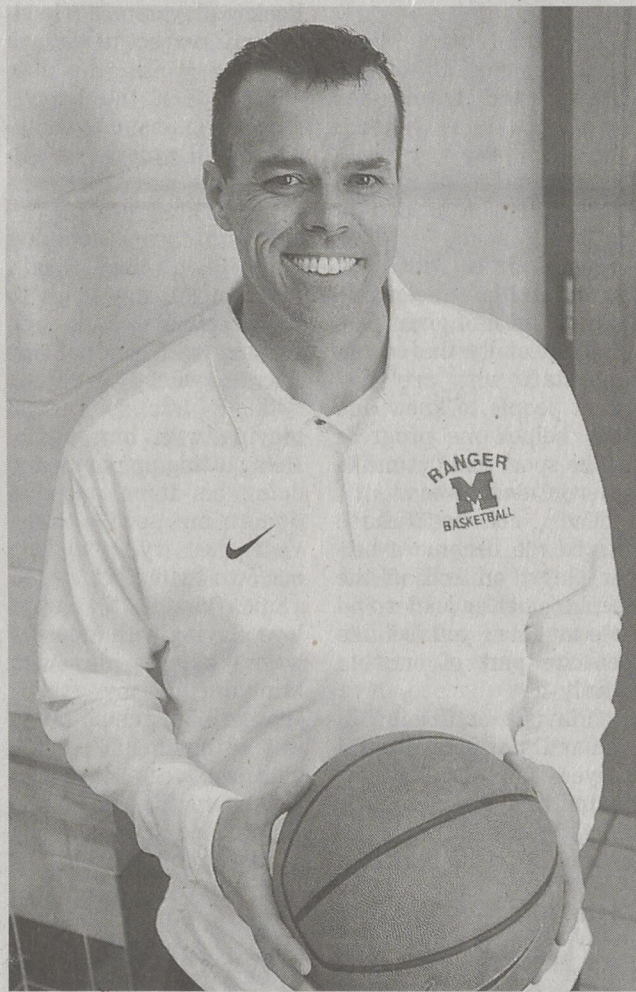
"It's been hard on everybody because it's so fluid," said DiFiore. "You feel like you're going in a direction where you have everything nailed down as best as you can and then the phone rings and one of your opponents has a student-athlete who has tested positive. Then all of a sudden you're shutting that team down or whatever the case may be.

"We (as a league) have been very fortunate. We had a great fall (season) and we got a lot in (more than any other league in the state) and the kids were healthy and that was the main thing. Every measure that you take in here is about health, so you're coming in one way, you're exiting the other way. Every measure we take here is try to keep these kids as safe and as healthy as possible so we can keep them playing. It's important for us to see these girls (hockey players) out here playing (tonight)."

Drouin added that yes his typical day has been flipped upside down and like everyone else he manages it "day-by-day". As tough as that has been for him and every other Athletic Director across the entire state, he said he does see light at the end of this long and dark tunnel.

"It's a lot of work, but the end result these kids get to play and that's all anybody wants. Hopefully we can hang in there and everybody can stay healthy and two, three or four weeks down the road, we can think about the possibility of getting some senior nights in and stuff like that and servicing these kids the best that we can.

"We appreciate what all of the other media members do as well to get these kids support. Hopefully (COVID-19) ends soon."



Methuen High School Athletic Director Matt Curran. (courtesy photo/Lawrence Eagle Tribune).

particular the difficulty of planning and executing the simplest of plans, for instance getting a girls' hockey game underway.

"The (Methuen) boys and girls played today, so the schedule is set by the league so in terms of scheduling," explained Curran. "You play the same school in the same

today, the (rink employees) took the cleaning machine and went right down this whole area, both benches and that type of stuff has to be done. It's everyone working together to make sure everything happens."

In the case of Saturday's game, the opponent was Central Catholic. DiFiore

## MIAA Committees meet for football, lacrosse, hockey and track

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Late Tuesday afternoon, the Boston Herald released a story saying that in a closed-door MIAA Football Committee meeting, the committee voted 'overwhelmingly' to put forth a new statewide playoff format starting this 2021 fall season.

The proposal still has to be approved by the Tournament Management Committee which is scheduled to meet next Wednesday, however this item is not on the present agenda.

If this gets approved,

according to the Herald, "the regular season would consist of eight weeks with 16 out of 35 teams making the playoffs. Under the new proposal, there would be a nine-game regular season schedule in which the top eight teams in each division would qualify for the postseason. Playoffs would be contested the week after the regular season ends with the state championships scheduled for the traditional first weekend in December.

"For those schools who don't qualify for the playoffs, they would have the option of playing a consolation game (schools are

only allowed one as they cannot exceed the 11-game max). Those games would be scheduled by the schools and not by the football committee.

"If schools do not choose to play a consolation game, they could be looking at a potential 20- to 25-day layoff before the traditional Thanksgiving Day game."

When the Herald released its story on Twitter, TMHS Athletic Director Ron Drouin said "In my seven years as Athletic Director, this is the worst decision I have seen."

Brian Aylward added, "With this vote, football is

going from 70% qualifying for playoffs to 23% qualifying. If they went to 16 team playoff, it would be 44% qualifying. Good teams will be left out. We need 16."

### LACROSSE

Like all other spring high school sports, the lacrosse season was canceled last spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the start of a long stretch of cancellations and modifications over the course of the past year due to the pandemic. Now, as lacrosse and other sports begin to prepare for their return with the newly scheduled spring season

set to begin on April 26, many coaches are concerned with how some potential rule changes could alter how their sport is played.

Many of these potential rules changes were discussed at last Thursday's MIAA Boys Lacrosse Committee meeting, the most prominent of which centered around the possibility of the elimination of faceoffs. While the MIAA has not announced any rules modifications for lacrosse or any other spring sport for that matter, there has been talk of eliminating or drastically reducing them, and instead allowing goal-

keepers to simply start the next possession after a goal.

This concerns coaches for several reasons, not the least of which is that it could dramatically alter a team's strategy. More important than that however, is that many coaches are concerned that it could eliminate the opportunity for one of their players to play at all, as many teams employ a player known as a FOGO (faceoff get off) guy. In many cases, this player is one of the more important members of the team. If faceoffs were eliminated,



# Rams' offense trips up several opponents

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

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BILLERICA - The circumstances are different, but the goal remains the same for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team this season, as they aim to win their fourth straight Commonwealth Athletic Conference title.

It is early yet, and much tougher games are still on the horizon for Shawsheen, but the Rams are off to a fast start this season, with a 2-0-1 record thus far after sweeping a pair of games with CAC rival Northeast Metro Tech this past weekend.

The Rams outscored the Knights 11-0 over the two games, downing them by a score of 4-0 on Saturday afternoon at Allied Veteran's Memorial Rink in Malden on Saturday, and then drubbing them 7-0 in the rematch on Monday at the Hallenborg in Billerica.

While some teams have struggled out of the gate this season for a variety of reasons, that has certainly not been the case for the Rams, who have not missed a beat despite the season starting later than usual, as well as many other changes due to the pandemic.

Baker has been happy, but not necessarily surprised to see his team's hard work in the pre-season paying off early on.

"I am very happy to date

with the team's play. We are in good shape and are playing at a good pace. We have had a lot of practice time with postponements so maybe that has helped us," Baker said. "The kids work hard at practice and I feel that the timing is there. We have a great mixture of upperclassmen and lower classmen seeing time. Myself and the coaches are very happy to date with where the team is and headed."

In the 7-0 win on Monday, the Rams got two goals each from junior defenseman Tom Sampson and sophomore forward Brady Darcey as well as individual tallies from sophomore Nick Calouro of Tewksbury, sophomore Kevin Ackerly of Wilmington and senior assistant captain DJ Ducharme.

After an even played first seven minutes, the Rams got on the board first on Darcey's first goal of the game, picking up a pass from senior assistant captain Anthony Papa at the red line and racing in 1-on-2 to beat the Northeast goalie with 7:25 left in the period.

Calouro would extend the Rams lead less than a minute later, making a steal at the left faceoff circle and then beating the goalie with some great persistence. Calouro's first shot, a backhand attempt, was

denied, but he picked up his own rebound and put it in for a 2-0 lead with 6:46 left, and that is how the first period would end.

"Nick has had opportunities and he finally cashed in," Baker said. "He has been working hard, and proved it on that play to stay with his initial shot and bury it."

Sampson made it 3-0 just 45 seconds into the second period, moving up to the faceoff circle to take a pass from behind the net from Sean Murphy of Tewksbury and bury a wrist shot.

Sampson scored the next Rams goal as well, with assists from Papa and Murphy, making the score 4-0 with 7:05 left in the period. Sampson now has three goals on the season from his defenseman position.

"Tommy looks great. He works hard every time he touches the ice," Baker said. "He plays solid defense, but brings offense to the table as well. He kills penalties for us and is great on the power play."

The Rams would score twice more before the end of the period, with Ducharme making it 5-0 with 3:27 left and Ackerly making it 6-0 with 34.6 seconds left. Ackerly's goal came on a great rush up the left side of the ice after he picked up the puck behind his own net and hustled up ice into the



Shawsheen Tech's Brady Dracy gets tripped up while handling the puck during the Rams game against Lowell Catholic held two weeks ago.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Northeast zone, firing a shot from just inside the blue line to cap off a dominant period by the Rams.

"Kevin is doing a great job on the blue line and he also likes to rush the puck," Baker said. "He did a great job taking advantage of the open ice and took advantage and released a nice hard shot off the screen to beat the

goalie just inside the far post. I was happy for both him and Matt Calouro to tally their first varsity goals."

Senior goalie Jared Palmer of Tewksbury was solid in net for the Rams, making six saves through the first two periods, before junior Tom Dalton of Wilmington came on in relief in the third period

to preserve the shutout. Palmer also made nine saves to earn the shutout on Saturday.

In the 4-0 win on Saturday, the Rams got a pair of goals from Darcey, while Murphy and Sampson each added individual tallies. Murphy also added an assist, as did Ducharme and senior captain Jonah Varallo.

## Both Hoop and Girls Hockey teams win

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team has yet to play at their best this season as they have yet to put together a complete, four quarter effort in their first three games. But with that being said, it would be hard to argue with the Rams results so far, as they improved to 3-0 on the season after pulling out a dramatic 50-47 over CAC rival Essex Tech on Tuesday night at Shawsheen.

It wasn't perfect for the Rams, who struggled at times on both ends of the court, but in the end they made enough big plays and hit enough clutch

shots to pull out the win and stay perfect on the season. Senior forward James Genetti led the way for the Rams with 17 points and eight rebounds, while junior guard Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury had four points, seven assists and six steals.

"We have shown glimpses, but we just haven't been consistent with where we want to be as a team yet this year," Shawsheen coach Joe Gore said after the game. "We have a long way to go, and it's a short season, so we have to try and get that going."

The Rams did play very well at times, particularly in the first half, when they used a 10-2 early second

quarter run to take a 22-12 lead with 4:00 to go in the half after a three pointer by Jake Tyler. But Essex would fight back, going on a 9-2 run of their own to send the teams to the half with the Rams holding a narrow 24-21 advantage.

The battled through competitive third quarter and headed to the final eight minutes tied at 38-38. The Rams seemed to take control of the game early in the quarter, led by Genetti and Perez, and they took a 48-41 lead on a hoop by Austin Quattrocchi with 2:25 left in the game.

But Essex fought back, closing to within 49-47 with 1:20 left in the game.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P5889EA

Estate of:  
Judith B. Hartsgrove  
Date of Death: 10/26/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Edward B. Giardina, Jr. of Providence, RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Edward B. Giardina, Jr. of Providence, RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If

you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 13, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 1, 2021, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 5, 2021.

Jonathan R. Eaton,  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
201258 1/6,13,20/21

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 1, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. on an application filed by Michael Sencartier (Trustee) for 1650 Realty Trust c/o George C. Malonis, Esq. for a Modification to Site Plan Special Permit (SPSP 2000-11) to separate ownership of two previously consolidated parcels as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 1650 & 1668 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lots 4 & 5, zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Fowler, Chairman  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 2, 2021 at 7:45 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #21-01, plan entitled, "Site Plan, 687 Main Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated December 15, 2020, prepared by Stephen R. Dresser, P.E., Dresser, Williams & Way, Inc., 572 Boston Road, Unit 5, Billerica, MA 01821, for the property located at 687 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 39 Parcel 11A. The proposed project is for the construction of a paved vehicle storage area and associated stormwater management and landscaping.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102636939?pwd=OTVIRHJEWjZsRHBIInFFubkY5TGNNHQT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 841 0263 6939. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
210039 1/13,20/21

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT, SPECIAL PERMIT, LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by MDR Construction Co., Inc. on behalf of the Town of Tewksbury for a Site Plan Special Permit, Special Permit and Land Disturbance Permit to construct a mixed-use development as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 935 Main Street, Assessor's Map 47, Lot 69, zoned Commercial and Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Fowler, Chairman  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via remote participation for a Stormwater Management Permit #20-08, plan entitled, "Conservation Subdivision Design, Nichols Street Condominium, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated December 24, 2018 and last revised December 18, 2020, prepared by Wayne A. Keefner, P.E., Design Consultants Inc., 120 Middlesex Avenue, Suite 20, Somerville, MA 02145, for the property located at 79 Nichols Street and shown on Assessor's Map 35 Parcel 29. This application is in conjunction with Conservation Subdivision Design Special Permit #19-01 for a conservation subdivision design for 5 residential dwellings and open space.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102636939?pwd=OTVIRHJEWjZsRHBIInFFubkY5TGNNHQT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 841 0263 6939. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on January 28, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. on an application filed by Charles and Melissa Schena for a variance under Section 4143, for setbacks for accessory structures, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a 12' x 24' above ground pool as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 89 Maplewood Avenue, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 90, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P3965EA

Estate of:  
Anita M. Sybertz  
Also known as: Anita Sybertz  
Date of Death: 04/18/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John A. DeAmelio of Bridgton, ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: John A. DeAmelio of Bridgton, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written



# Shawsheen's Boys and Girls Basketball and Girls Hockey teams all win

FROM B11W

The Hawks then made a critical mistake, however, fouling Shawsheen with just two seconds left on the shot clock and 12.2 seconds left in the game. Sophomore Mavrick Bourdeau hit one of two free throws to make the score 50-47, and Essex would go on to miss a three pointer at the buzzer, clinching the victory for the Rams.

While realizing that his team is going to have to play better in the weeks ahead, Gore was obviously pleased to see his team improve to 3-0.

"We'll take it, absolutely," Gore said. "Like I said, we have shown flashes of us being a very good basketball team. It's just a matter of putting four quarters of that together right now. But I do think we have a lot of potential and we can build off of this."

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Shawsheen Girls Basketball team also remained perfect on the season on Tuesday night, winning in blowout fashion over Essex Tech in the

second half of the double-header at Shawsheen, rolling to a 51-23 win over the Hawks to improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Rams jumped out to a 20-3 first quarter lead and held leads of 20-8 after one quarter, 29-13 at the half and 39-15 at the end of three before completing the 28-point victory.

The Rams were led by a game 15 points from senior co-captain Susanna Gillis, while junior Karissa Rogato had 13 and senior co-captain Shelby Bourdeau had seven.

Shawsheen coach Sam St. George credited her team's defensive effort for their strong start, which led to a very comfortable win for the Rams.

"We tried to implement our press early on," St. George said. "We had done it our first two games of the year and realized that it worked very well. Our girls are super quick, so it is something we can capitalize on. Defense is our strength, so if that is where we can get our

points, that is where we are going to get them.

Of course, a strong offense helps as well, and the Rams got that early on, going on a 20-0 run after Essex hit a three pointer in the game's opening moments. Bourdeau and Gillis led the way in the quarter with Bourdeau scoring seven points and Gillis scoring five.

Both teams offenses were held in the second quarter, but the Rams blew the game open in the third quarter when Rogato scored eight of the Rams ten points in the frame, while junior guard Ella Malvone of Tewksbury had the other basket to make the score 39-13 at the end of three.

The Rams coasted from there on their way to staying perfect on the season. There will no doubt be tougher games ahead for the Rams this season, but George, in her first year as head coach, has been very happy with what she has seen so far.

"We are playing well and we hope to end this week going 4-0, but we know we

have to keep working," St. George said. "It is a great start to the season, and morale is high, so we hope to end the week on a good note."

## GIRLS HOCKEY

The season could not have gotten off to a much better start for the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford Girls Hockey team. After struggling to a 2-14 record last season, the Rams were looking to get off to a strong start to this season, and they did just that on Monday night at the Malden Valley Forum, skating to an 8-2 win over non-league opponent Malden Catholic, who was playing in their first ever girls varsity hockey game.

The Rams got two goals each from senior captain Emily Sartori of Tewksbury, along with freshman Lainey Meade junior Amber Hurley. The Rams also got single tallies from Anna McEachern and Isabella King. Eighth grader Kaitlyn Sacco picked up the win in net, making 12 saves to help the Rams cause.

Sartori got the Rams off to a fast start with a goal just five seconds into the game, right off the opening faceoff for a quick 1-0 lead. Malden Catholic would fight back however, with a pair of Wilmington residents hooking up for a goal when Lexi Engvaldsen converted a perfect 2-on-1 pass from Antonia Dizoglio to tie the game at 1-1 with 19:46 left in the 22-minute first half.

McEachern regained the lead for the Rams with 13:20 left in the half, before Meade made it 3-1 with a great wrist shot high into the far corner with 9:48 left. Meade made it 4-1 with an end to end rush with 5:49 left and that is how the teams went to the half.

Dizoglio made a brilliant rush of her own for an unassisted goal to pull Malden Catholic within 4-2 with 17:26 left in the second half, but from there on, it was all Shawsheen, with Hurley scoring the first of her two goal with 16:01 left and Sartori scoring her second with 14:51 left.

Despite the strong

efforts of the Malden Catholic defense, which saw Wilmington freshman Juliana Angiuoni and her defensive partner MK Zablocki play 43 of the 44 minutes of the game for the shorthanded Lancers, the Rams were able to pull away with two more goals later in the period.

Hurley got her second of the game 12:30 left, before King capped the scoring with an unassisted goal with 3:04 left in the contest. Wilmington High transfer Paige Fuller assisted on Hurley's second goal, for her second assist of the game in her first game as a Ram.

Shawsheen coach Bob Roach was happy to see his team get off to such a strong start, and is hoping they can maintain their high level of play going forward.

"We are deeper in talent this year than we have been in the past, so hopefully we can keep improving," Roach said. "It was good to get that first win. I thought we played well, so I was happy for the girls to get the win."

# MIAA Committees meet for football, lacrosse, hockey and track

FROM B6W

so to would be these players.

According to Danny Ventura of the Boston Herald, many coaches feel this is extremely unfair.

"Many players only face off for their team," said Concord-Carlisle boys lacrosse coach Tom Dalicandro, according to the Herald. "Faceoffs have become such a specialized position. If that is taken away from those players they will essentially have two years of high school lacrosse taken from them. If hockey can face off inside then I would think lacrosse can (outdoors)."

As for strategy, the rule change would have a

much larger impact in the boys game than in the girls game. Faceoffs in the girls game are done standing up with both players pinning the ball between the backs of their sticks and then jerking their sticks upward, sending the ball flying into the air. Some players are better than others at it, but in the end, it is almost a 50/50 ball every time. For the boys however, a team with an outstanding face-off specialist can be a huge advantage.

According to the Herald, other rules considerations were also discussed at the meeting, including topics such as ensuring the pregame meeting is away from the sidelines, all

individuals maintain a social distance of six feet. There was also a discussion around the possibility of eliminating the use of the coin toss. The visiting team will start with possession and the home team will choose which goal to defend. The committee also discussed the elimination of handshakes following the pregame meeting and at the conclusion of the game.

Most coaches seemed amenable to just about all minor rules modifications, with the exception of the elimination of faceoffs.

Decisions on any rules changes will be made in the coming weeks, as separate COVID-19 rules modifications subcommittees for boys and girls

lacrosse are set to meet for the first time next week to start formulating plans for the season. Following those meetings, the subcommittees will bring their recommendation to the full lacrosse committee for approval in the following weeks.

## ICE HOCKEY

Last Thursday, the MIAA Ice Hockey Meeting was held and according to the Boston Herald, there were both a lot of positives and some concerns about the ongoing abbreviated season.

Some of the concerns voiced in the meeting pertained to maintaining social distancing on team

benches and adapting to a different policies depending on the arena.

Arlington Catholic AD and Coach Dan Shine also pointed out that he feels it's unsafe for the players to be getting dressed in arena parking lots, and on the ice he also said he would like the "no-scrum rules clarified for referees and applied more consistently."

## TRACK

On Tuesday morning, the MIAA held its Indoor Track Meeting for the Fall-2 season. It was announced that the Reggie Lewis Center will not be available throughout the entire season. Throughout the meeting,

there were many concerns that there would not be enough venues available for a season.

Should the season happen, guidelines and modifications were set, including:

Social distancing for warm-up areas, and all athletes must be going in the same direction and have proper distance during warm-ups on the track. Once a meet starts, all other warm-ups will be conducted outside;

Masks will be mandatory, and only a meet administrator can designate areas for masks breaks.



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# OBITUARIES

## Paul H. Bjork

*Fixture in New England drag race community*

Paul H. Bjork, age 78, of Atkinson, NH and a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away on Dec. 23, 2020.

Paul was born in Winchester on June 11, 1942; he was the cherished son of the late David and Edith (Bellman) Bjork.

Paul grew up in Arlington where he and his brothers — his lifelong best friends — had many adventures that they would recount in detail to their own children during family get-togethers and during the cherished father-and-sons golf weekends. Paul lived in Arlington until he married Kathryn.

At 19 years old, Paul began working as a mechanic's helper for Payne Elevator company. He rose into management and became one of the top executives in the northeast division of Thyssen Elevator, an international firm based in Germany.

In the 1960's and early 70's, Paul was a fixture in the New England drag racing community. He won many trophies racing his '63 Ford and his '32 Roadster.

He married Kathryn (Ward) on Jan. 15, 1966. Not only did he and Kathryn love each other with all their hearts every day they had together; they were truly best friends. Paul and Kathryn moved to Wilmington in early 1975 and worked together to provide a safe, supportive, and loving home for their two children. They provided the perfect example of what an ideal marriage should look like.

Nothing was more important to Paul than his

family. Despite the rigors of a demanding job, he never missed any of his children's sporting events, dance recitals, etc. He coached his son's hockey team for many years.

On weekends, neighbors could often see him out in the yard with his children playing catch, building go-karts, enjoying the pool, etc.

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He played hockey in an adult league based out of Concord for many years and was a longtime member, as was Kathryn, of Andover Country Club. Paul and Kathryn enjoyed many wonderful memories boating, golfing, traveling, and enjoying their many friends and family.

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He was exceedingly smart, witty, gregarious, and selfless. It seemed that wherever he went, he would run into someone he knew, and he was loved by all. He provided an impeccable example of what an adult male should aspire to be. And for this, his children are eternally grateful.

Paul was the cherished husband of 55 years of Kathryn (Ward) Bjork, loving father of Karin Manchaca and her husband Keith McMahon of Salisbury and Stephen Bjork of Wilmington, loving grandfather of Jesse Manchaca, Cheyenne Bjork, Blake Bjork, Isaiah Bjork, and Kari Bjork, dear brother of David Bjork and his late



wife Marcia of Natick and the late William Bjork and his surviving wife Margaret.

Paul is survived by his sister-in-law Sheila (Ward) Chayes, as well as his beloved nieces and nephews — the late William Bjork, Donald Bjork, Helena Bjork, Barry Jacobs, David Jacobs, Steven Jacobs, and the late Benjamin Chayes.

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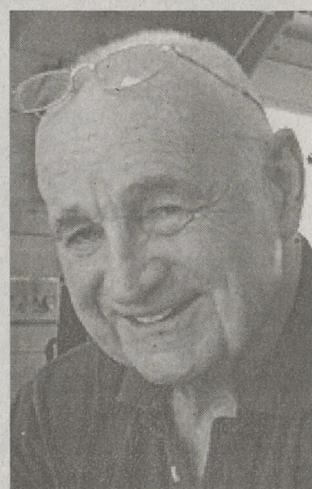
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## Ella M. 'Puma' (Smith) Efraimson

*Known for work in Wilmington school system*

Ella M. "Puma" (Smith) Efraimson, age 89, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 13, 2021, at Woodhaven Senior Living after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ella was born on Oct. 28, 1931 in Wilmington; she was the cherished daughter of the late Lester H. Smith, Sr. and Thora F. (Christensen) Smith. Ella was raised in Wilmington, where she spent her entire life.

She will be best known as "the kitchen lady," where she worked for the Wilmington School System for 29 years.

In her free time, she loved to spend time with family and friends. She also loved to garden, go camping, and travel. Her greatest past time was sitting on the back porch with her husband Carl waving to everyone that went by.

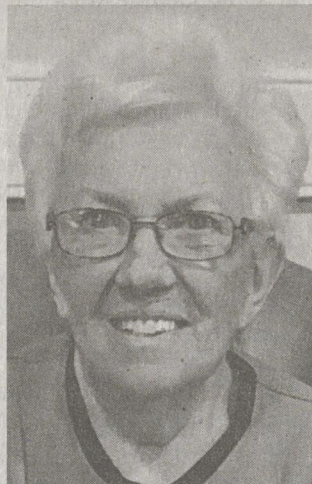
Ella was the loving wife of the late Carl S. Efraimson, Sr. who passed away

in 2005, devoted mother of Sheila Little and her husband Robert of Wilmington and Carl Efraimson, Jr. and his wife Jane of Burlington. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren: Bryan Little and his wife Shannon of Stoneham, Keith Little and his fiancée Amanda of Derry, NH, and Andrew Efraimson of Burlington.

Ella was the loving sister of Barbara Cleveland and Douglas Smith and his wife Bonny all of Wilmington, the late Lester Smith, Jr. and his wife Ellen of Wilmington, formerly of Sebastian, FL, the late Roland Smith and his wife Eleanor of Scituate and the late Shirley Boyer of PA.

Ella is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Graveside Service



took place in Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. Masks were required in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ella's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or to Beacon Hospice, 290 Merimack St., Suite 242, Lawrence, MA 01843.

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## Carolyn J. 'Hubba' (Ruggiero) Poore

*Visiting hours were Monday*

Carolyn J. "Hubba" (Ruggiero) Poore, age 75, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 12, 2021.

Hubba was the beloved wife of the late Robert Reynolds, devoted mother of the late John Reynolds, cherished daughter of the late John and Leita (Mason) Ruggiero, dear sister of Carmella Liggiero and her husband Michael of Raymond, NH, Sandra Dion and her husband Michael of Derry, NH, Jim Ruggiero and his wife Janice of Wilmington, Joseph Ruggiero and his wife Lori of Sterling and Michele Valente and her husband Charlie of Wilmington, loving aunt of Richard Liggiero and his wife Sheryl, Maria Spinelli, the late Michael

Liggiero, Christine Wyatt and her husband Mark, Justin Ruggiero, Christopher Ruggiero and his wife Regina, James Ruggiero, Johnathan Ruggiero, Chance Ruggiero, Krystle Valente, Tony Valente and the late Ashley Valente.

Hubba is also survived by many loving great-nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62) Wilmington, on Monday, Jan. 18 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial took place in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Masks are required to



be worn in the Funeral Home and Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Hubba's name may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

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## Pauline D. 'Paula' (O'Brien) Famolare

*Worked at New England Conservatory of Music*

Pauline D. "Paula" (O'Brien) Famolare, age 92, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully, Jan. 14, 2021, after almost three years in residence at the Aberjona Nursing Facility in Winchester.

She was the beloved wife of 34 years to the late George O'Brien, and later to the late Joseph Famolare. She was the devoted mother of Steven O'Brien (Maureen Connell) of Winchester and the loving grandmother, of her life, granddaughter Justine O'Brien of Natick.

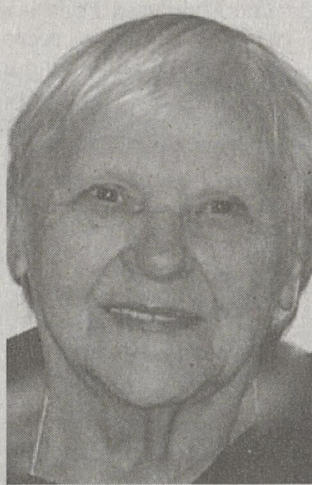
Dear sister of Dena Burns of Mashpee, and the late Frank Lenberg, Edward Anderson, Ann Walsh, Marion Tate Mann, Elvera Hodgdon, and Ruth Zakouskik.

Paula attended the Burdett Business College and worked at the New Eng-

land Conservatory of Music. She later attended Middlesex Community College and Salem State College and earned a degree in special education.

For many years Paula was very active in various activities at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Wilmington Gardening Club, Friends of the Wilmington Library and the Wilmington Senior Center.

A funeral service will be conducted in the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Family Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Thursday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend and may visit with the family prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Services will conclude with burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. All attending must wear a face mask and ad-



here to strict social distancing protocols.

It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Paula's memory to the Wilmington Senior Center, 15 School St., Wilmington, MA 01887. To leave an online message of condolence please visit [www.dellorusso.net](http://www.dellorusso.net).

## Eight students named to President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2020 President's List.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

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• Jacob Nuzzolo of Wilmington  
• Gabriella Rosa of Wilmington

• Kyle Gardner of Wilmington  
• Emily Carroll of Wilmington  
• Alyson Colantuoni of Wilmington  
• Adam Fandel of Tewksbury  
• Christopher Antonelli of Tewksbury

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# Lifestyle

## Grab a cup, it's National Hot Tea Month

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News Correspondent

As New England settles into the winter season, January often brings a mixture of bad weather and colder temperatures. So it seems only fitting that January is also National Hot Tea Month.

Besides the cozy, warm feeling a cup of hot tea can give, tea is often thought of as promoting good health.

Tea has been the favorite remedy prescribed by grandmothers for generations. Grandma would prescribe a piping hot cup of tea for almost any ailment. A head cold, fever, stomach upset, body aches, and even insomnia would be "cured" with a cup of tea.

It turns out that grandma's advice may have strong merit, as studies show that tea consumption, incorporated into an overall healthy diet, can have many long-term benefits.

The main health promoting substances in tea are polyphenols, in particular Catechins and Epicatechins, which have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. These properties have been linked to a lower risk of heart disease, cancer and other health problems.

Green Tea is considered the healthiest choice of all teas. The fermentation process used to make green tea boosts the level of polyphenols in the tea. Black teas and Red teas also have polyphenols, but in lesser

amounts, therefore, not having as great of a health benefit as Green Tea.

Along with antioxidant benefits, polyphenols also help regulate blood sugar levels. Unsweetened tea is also naturally low in calories.

Studies done by Harvard University showed that regular tea drinkers are at lower risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease. However, the study was unable to clarify if tea consumption had caused these health benefits or that tea drinkers simply live a healthier lifestyle.

That being said, tea has shown to have no harmful effects when added to your regular diet. Be aware that most teas do have caffeine (although less caffeine than coffee) so over consumption may lead to jitters or trouble sleeping.

Per cup, Black Tea contains 47 to 90mg of caffeine. Green Tea contains between 20 and 45mg per cup. White Tea, such as Camellia, contains about 6mg of caffeine per cup, and many Herbal teas are caffeine free.

Although there are many brands of decaffeinated Black teas on the market, they are produced from tea leaves that naturally have caffeine in them, so decaffeinated teas still have traces of caffeine in them. If caffeine is a problem for you, switching to Herbal Tea may be a wise choice.

Surprisingly, even though the revolution of our country was partly attributed to the unfair, high taxation

on the American colonies beloved tea, the drinking of tea is not as popular in the United States as it is around the world.

In the last 100 years, tea drinking trends have progressively been on the rise in the U.S. and tea sales in the last 20 years have quadrupled. This steady progression of tea popularity shows the American tea drinker is here to stay.

There are many different types of teas available from all around the world, but the most common types of teas in the U.S. are Black Tea, White Tea, Green Tea and Herbal Tea. Black Tea accounts for more than half of all tea purchased in the U.S. and Herbal Tea comes in at second place with 25 percent of the market share. There are many different varieties and flavors to choose from, each offering their own distinctive flavor pallet.

Black teas are strong and bold and come in a variety of flavor profiles ranging from bitter, sweet, fruity or spicy. Black Tea brews best at the almost boiling temperature of 195 to 205 degrees, and should steep for two to three minutes until the tea is a rich, maple syrup like color.

White Tea, which is a minimally processed tea, has a delicate, floral flavor and should be brewed at a slightly lower temperature than Black Tea. Brewing temperature should be below simmering temperature at 175 to 190 degrees and steep for one to five



(Heather Burns photo)

minutes. White Tea can become bitter when steeped too long or brewed with water that is too hot.

The healthy Green Tea's flavor can vary from citrus-like to vegetal, to sweet, or even smokey depending on the variety. Green Tea also brews best just below the simmer point at 175 degrees with a brief steep time of 45 seconds to one minute.

Herbal Tea, also known as Red Tea, comes in a large spectrum of herbal, fruity, and floral flavors. Herbal Tea brews best at an almost boiling temperature of 208 degrees (boiling temperature is 212 degrees) and requires a longer steep time of four to five minutes to fully extract the flavor from the tea leaves.

For those who are not as "civilized" in the art of tea

drinking, steeping is the time that the tea leaves need to soak in water in order to extract the desired flavor.

There are several different methods in which to steep a "proper" cup of tea.

Most supermarket brands of tea come in a prepared steeping bag, ready for use.

The serious tea drinker will find that many specialty blends of tea are sold as loose tea leaves, not in bags.

The most popular method to steep loose tea leaves is with a tea ball infuser. This is a mesh sphere with a hinge. Simply fill the sphere with tea leaves, clasp it shut, and use the same way you would use a tea bag. The advantage of using an infuser is that it allows you to mix different types of tea leaves to cre-

ate your own personal blends. The infuser is also washable and reusable.

Brewing strainers can also be used like an infuser, but the drawback to this method is the lack of control of your steeping time.

If you would like the convenience of a tea bag, but want the freedom to blend your own flavors, ready made paper sachets can be purchased at specialty tea stores, or you can make your own from coffee filters and cooking string.

This January, instead of grumbling over the winter cold, take part in the warmth of National Hot Tea Month. Just sit back and watch the snow fall with a comforting cup of your favorite tea while you daydream of a summer breeze. After all, summer temperatures are only a short six months away.

## Take a walk through the Middlesex Fells

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The Fells, Fellsway, Middlesex Fells... there are many ways to refer to the over 2,275 acres of parkland which straddles Route 93 in the towns of Stoneham, Melrose, Medford, and Winchester.

The "Fells," according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is a Saxon word meaning rocky, hilly land. There

are over 100 miles of trails in and around the reservation, and over 20 parking areas for access. Whether mountain biking, strolling or seeking more strenuous hiking, Middlesex Fells has something for everyone.

While dogs must be on leash on the trails, there is a large area specifically for dogs called Sheepfold.

Woodland, rocky outcroppings, and water features such as Spot Pond are just some of the geography at the Fells. It is the kind of

place that can accommodate your hiking mood and level on a given day, and with the vast array of trails, should be explored over multiple visits.

Our path took us to the Virginia Wood, described as the site of a vanished mill village called "Haywardville." We walked a family friendly trail which made an approximately one-mile loop. There were slopes and views of water and a stone bridge, as well as vestiges of a bygone wa-

ter wheel race.

Many mills were in this area in the mid to late 1800s, including the Hayward Rubber Mill which made shoes and fire buckets. An interesting side note is that founder Nathaniel Hayward, prior to establishing Haywardville, worked with Charles Goodyear to create the process of vulcanization of rubber.

The Civilian Conservation Corps created the stone bridges and walkways on the property in the 1930s as part of a post-depression works project, according to The Preservation Collaborative in Medford. The Virginia Wood is named for Virginia Tudor, a young girl who was thrown in the forest and later succumbed to her injuries. The Tudor family donated the land in 1891.

Trails in the Fells are designated East side and West side, with the 5.6 mile Cross Fells Trail connecting both. Refer to a map before setting out and, since this is a very popular place, think about going off hours or on a week day in order to improve the chance of finding a parking space.

The Middlesex Fells is a readily accessible recreation gem worth adding to your list of new places to explore. Download a map at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/middlesex-fells-reservation-trail-map/download>.

◀ A stone bridge at Virginia Wood is just one of the features of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. (Paige Impink photo)



## MBTA secures \$1M federal grant for improvements at North Wilmington Station

BOSTON — The MBTA announced that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has awarded \$1 million to the MBTA for improvements to North Wilmington Station on the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line.

The \$1 million grant will be used to relocate and reconstruct the existing commuter rail station platform along an area of single track adjacent to Route 62. This improvement will result in a new ADA-compliant boarding area and allow all train coaches to come to a stop outside the motor vehicle grade crossing area. The MBTA and its operating partner for commuter rail, Keolis Commuter Services, worked in collaboration on station design and configuration, and to develop and submit the application for this competitive federal grant.

"We're grateful to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for selecting our grant proposal to

improve safety at this grade crossing and station in Wilmington," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "Working together with the Keolis team, we prepared a successful application that will ensure that trains no longer block the motor vehicle grade crossing area during stops, meeting the requests of the Wilmington community."

The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020, appropriated \$50 million in Commuter Authority Rail Safety Improvement (CARSI) Grants Program funding to be awarded by FHWA for highway-railway crossing-related projects, including those that separate or protect grades at crossings; rebuild existing railroad grade crossing structures; relocate highways to eliminate grade crossings; and eliminate hazards posed by blocked grade crossings.

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## A early sign of spring?

Canada Geese at Wilmington's Little League Park.

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## Wilmington moving to remote learning due to new requirements

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tastic... I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish in the short period of time we were given."

David Ragsdale added that there are a lot of considerations to be made and differences at each school in terms of staffing, scheduling, patterns, and specialists.

Elliott also shared that staff and families had already been notified about the changes coming, although the plan isn't yet complete. She said they're not taking time that students wouldn't normally be expected to be doing work.

Brand maintained that

the learning model and remote/in-person days schedule aren't changing.

The committee was made aware of the fact that most of the write-in public comments were about this topic.

"Families are worried about losing in-person time for remote learning," Jo Newhouse said.

Brand assured them that the finalized plans would be brought before the committee at their next meeting, especially since it required reopening the Memorandum of Agreement established with the Wilmington Teacher's Association.

The committee then discussed various School

Committee policies and protocols. One of the policies they talked about was the WPS Home School Application, where they established that the approval of the principal and superintendent were both required, but only the principal would sign off on the curriculum plan.

They also looked at a civil rights grievance procedure, a title IX sexual harassment grievance procedure, and the School Committee protocols. They agreed to look at the latter again alongside the School Committee handbook to make sure the language lines up.

M. J. Byrnes thanked the Policy Subcommittee for their efforts in revising, strengthening, and updating these documents.

The final item of the night was subcommittee reports. Newhouse shared that the SEPAC had found four parents to be board members and their next meeting would be Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Jesse Fennelly said that WEF had met the day before and that curriculum grants would be coming out that Friday.

Besides their next regular session on Jan. 20, the School Committee established that the town manager's budget presentation is upcoming on Jan. 25.

## Three Wilmington students named to Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2020 Dean's List.

Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

• Spencer Todisco of Wilmington

• Heather Beck of Wilmington

• Julia Gordon of Wilmington

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## Healthcare worker encourages vaccinations

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benefit from my experience, and answer questions about my experience to help them make a more informed decision for themselves.

"It helped me to know and have conversations with others I know personally regarding their experience with the vaccine, so I am hoping to be able to help others who know that my experience has been positive and they may then choose to do it as well. The more of us that are vaccinated, the safer life is for EVERYONE, and the sooner we can go back to life as we knew it prior to COVID-19!"

Sue explained whether or not she received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and why.

"I got the Pfizer vaccine because that was what was offered at my job."

When asked about her experience with the vaccination procedure, Sue elaborated, "The procedure was scheduled, and done on site at my work. I registered for a time slot, filled out paperwork regarding medical history, such as allergies or previous side effects to other vaccines, then just showed up

to my work on the day I had signed up.

"CVS pharmacy employees came to our site to administer the vaccine. I was given an informational packet about the vaccine prior to the procedure. The vaccine procedure was similar to a flu shot, with an injection into my arm. After the injection was completed I was asked to stay in a waiting room for 15 minutes for 'observation' for side effects. Anyone who had a history of side effects to other vaccines was asked to stay for 30 minutes for observation."

In terms of discomfort after receiving the vaccine, Sue experienced the following:

"By bedtime (the night I got the vaccine), my arm was quite sore, making it somewhat difficult to raise it up over my head without pain. By the next morning the pain was less and continued to subside throughout the day. By the third day it felt slightly sore to touch and then was pain free by day four. Day two and three after I was slightly more tired and a little achy but that was it. I have experienced no other issues/pain/discomfort since."

Sue is also "scheduled for a second dose 21 days from administration of the first, per Pfizer vaccine administration guidelines."

Finally, Sue has this advice to anyone who is still hesitant to get the vaccine.

"I would tell anyone who is debating on whether or not to get the vaccine that, I, too was very skeptical, and had first decided that I did not want to get it until 'more time had passed.' But ultimately, through doing my own research and talking with others, I decided that it is safe now, and its benefits outweigh the possible negatives with side effects."

"Also, I don't expect any changes with the vaccine to occur over time by waiting, but I do expect we won't be able to move forward with our lives that we miss until more people are vaccinated so we can protect one another. I would like that to be sooner rather than later! Now that I am, I am so happy I did, and feel fortunate that I got to do so. I feel like I have protected not only myself, but those around me as well!"

We thank Sue for her hard work as a healthcare professional and her deci-

sion to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. One can only hope that, as time passes, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations will become more readily available to all citizens, and that it will help slow the spread of COVID-19, and allow us to shift back into a more (pre-COVID) normal, and ensure health and safety for all.

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## MCAS test to still be held this year despite virus

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MCAS is obsolete.

Brand shared quickly that he didn't know of any efforts being made in other districts to respond to the commissioner's decision. He added that he sees the need for more information to be provided before they can fully understand how MCAS will be carried out and data will be collected.

Expanding upon what actions she'd like the committee to take, Byrnes said that she would ask DESE to make a new tool that measures not only what students have lost but also their mental, social, and emotional health. She'd like to see this tool use accurate and fair data collection.

She asked if there were other ways that teachers measure student performance, and some of the things Elliott said teachers might use included observations, anecdotes, and other assignments and projects.

The committee agreed that they would consider Byrnes' messaging to the superintendent for their next meeting. One suggestion for action was to bring the discussion to state legislators who could dialogue with the commissioner on long-term solutions.

They did not come to any action, but only said they'd continue the discussion at their next meeting, which is Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

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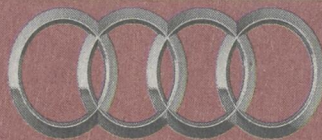
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